



# Highlands Police Department

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Officer Report for Incident 23HL06411

**Nature:** DWI

**Location:** P13

**Address:** 900 RIVER RD

FAIR HAVEN NJ 07704

**Offense Codes:** DUI, DMVO

**Received By:** Civello, L

**How Received:** 9

**Agency:** P17

**Responding Officers:** Menendez, C, Cairns, T, Alvator, Ro, Robinson, B, O'Donnell, K, P1300

**Responsible Officer:** Alvator, Ro

**Disposition:** CAA 08/03/23

**When Reported:** 15:20:54 08/01/23

**Occurred Between:** 15:20:54 08/01/23 and 15:25:31 08/01/23

**Assigned To:**

**Detail:**

**Date Assigned:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\*

**Status:**

**Status Date:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\*

**Due Date:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\*

## Complainant:

**Last:**

**First:**

**Mid:**

**DOB:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\*

**Dr Lie:**

**Address:**

**Race:**

**Sex:**

**Phone:**

**City:** ,

## Offense Codes

**Reported:**

**Observed:**

**Additional Offense:** DUI DUI Alcohol or Drugs

**Additional Offense:** DMVO DMVO

## Circumstances

LT13 Highway, Road, Alley

## Responding Officers:

**Unit :**

Menendez, C

P31341

Cairns, T

P31390

Alvator, Ro

P17064

Robinson, B

P13038

O'Donnell, K

P17032

P1300

P1300

**Responsible Officer:** Alvator, Ro

**Agency:** P17

**Received By:** Civello, L

**Last Radio Log:** 17:49:50 08/01/23 C

**How Received:** 9 911 Line

**Clearance:** RR Report Required

**When Reported:** 15:20:54 08/01/23

**Disposition:** CAA Date: 08/03/23

**Judicial Status:** NCI**Misc Entry:****Occurred between:** 15:20:54 08/01/23**and:** 15:25:31 08/01/23**Statute:****Description :****Method :****Involvements**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	
08/03/23	Name	ASHINOFF, RUSSELL L	Witness
08/03/23	Name	DUNIGAN, JOHN	Involved
08/03/23	Name	DUNIGAN, PATRICIA A	Offender
08/01/23	Offense	Under Influence Drugs; Alcohol - 1 count	Charged With
08/01/23	Offense	Reckless Driving - 1 count	Charged With
08/03/23	Vehicle	SIL 2016 LEXU NX NJ	Vehicle History
08/01/23	Cad Call	15:20:54 08/01/23 TRAFFIC COMPLNT	Initiating Call
08/01/23		[No description]	Impounded

**Narrative**

On 8/1/23 at approximately 1520 hours MCRR notified the Highlands Police Department of a traffic complaint that originated as a hit and run out of Fair Haven. The reporting party had followed the accused vehicle into Highlands and to the SeaStreak Ferry. MCRR advised the registration on the accused vehicle was P34CHT. I responded to the area of the SeaStreak Ferry and began to search for the vehicle. While I was entering the parking lot I observed a silver Lexus SUV exiting the lot. I observed the front license plate as it passed my patrol vehicle and positively identified the vehicle as the accused. I made a U-turn and attempted to catch up with the vehicle, which was difficult because of heavy traffic in the area. I utilized my overhead emergency lights to get positioned behind the accused vehicle. A traffic stop was then conducted at the intersection of Shore Drive and Waterwich Avenue. Sgt. O'Donnell and Capt. Roxby then arrived on scene. I made contact with the driver, John Dunigan. I requested the vehicle's registration and insurance as he was being stopped because his vehicle was involved in a hit and run accident in Fair Haven. It should be noted that the vehicle had moderate damage to the passenger side in roughly the 1 o'clock position. I then asked Mr. Dunigan if he was the only person to drive the vehicle today. He responded by advising me his wife had driven the vehicle from home, to pick him up at the ferry. I observed the passenger seat to be empty and inquired about his wife's whereabouts. Mr. Dunigan stated she was laying down in the back seat. I then asked Mr. Dunigan to lower the rear window so I could speak with his wife, identified as Patricia Dunigan.

I asked Mrs. Dunigan if she recalled being involved in a hit and run accident today, to which she denied being involved in. I advised her that a witness had called her in and followed her and that I was certain I had stopped the correct vehicle. Mrs. Dunigan then stated she struck a garbage can, which would not qualify as a Motor Vehicle Accident. I then informed Mrs. Dunigan that striking property is still a Motor Vehicle Accident and that she should have remained on scene and reported it. I then explained to her that her vehicle was damaged. While speaking with Mrs. Dunigan I could detect the odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the vehicle. I further observed her movements to be slow and her speech to be slurred. I then advised Capt. Roxby of what I was told by both parties and he informed me that the witness observed Mrs. Dunigan exit the drivers seat and enter the rear of the vehicle.

I returned to the vehicle and asked Mrs. Dunigan to step onto the sidewalk. I began to ask her about the accident. While speaking with Dunigan I could observe her to sway back and forth and be unsteady on her feet. I could continue to detect the odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from her person. Sgt. O'Donnell asked if Mrs. Dunigan had anything to drink since she stopped driving, to which she replied no. I asked Mrs. Dunigan how much alcohol she had consumed today and she initially denied having any. When I advised her that I could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from her person she admitted to drinking a glass of wine around noon. I then determined that I would conduct the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests on Mrs. Dunigan.

**Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus:**

Sgt. O'Donnell conducted the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test on Mrs. Dunigan. Sgt. O'Donnell attempted this test multiple times but was unable to get an accurate result due to lack of cooperation from Mrs. Dunigan.

**One-Leg Stand:**

The next test was the one-legged stand test. I explained and demonstrated the test for Mrs. Dunigan. It should be noted I was interrupted multiple times while

explaining the test. Mrs. Dunigan also started the test without being told to do so. During the test I observed Mrs. Dunigan sway from side to side and front to back. I also observed Mrs. Dunigan become unsteady on her feet and I concluded the test early for safety reasons.

**Walk and Turn:**

For the walk and turn test I placed Mrs. Dunigan into the starting position. Mrs. Dunigan failed to remain in the starting position while I explained and demonstrated the test. This test also had to be explained multiple times. Mrs. Dunigan did not touch heel to toe on each step. She also failed to count each step aloud.

Based on my training and experience I determined that Mrs. Dunigan was under the influence of alcohol. I placed Mrs. Dunigan in double locked handcuffs in front of her person. She was then secured in the rear of my marked patrol vehicle. Once her property was retrieved from the vehicle I transported Mrs. Dunigan to Atlantic Highlands Police Headquarters for the alcotest. After a twenty minute observation period Ptl. Funk administered the test. Mrs. Dunigan's BAC was determined to be .091%. It should be noted the legal limit in the state of New Jersey is .08%. Mrs. Dunigan was then transported back to HPD headquarters where she was issued summonses for 39:4-50 and 39:4-96. Mrs. Dunigan was then released to her husband, who signed the Potential Liability form.

Ptl. Alvator #64

**Supplement**

17:49:50 08/01/2023 - Martin, R

CAD Call info/comments

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15: 21: 32 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
nj reg p34cht // swerving and knocking over garbage cans sil lexus rx300  
15: 22: 38 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
turning onto oceanic bridge  
15: 23: 05 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
stopping in middle of street ifo highland bank  
15: 23: 59 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
caller did not wish to sign complaints was concerned for welfare of driver  
15: 24: 20 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
going over the bridge now  
15: 24: 29 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
Address change from W RIVER RD & BELLEVUE AVE to BR OCEANIC BRIDGE  
15: 24: 42 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
caller still following  
15: 25: 30 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
on the pd 31 side of the bridge now  
15: 25: 47 08/01/23 - Bigos, K  
units updated  
15: 25: 56 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
making a right twds .85 on 8a  
15: 26: 03 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
logans point rd  
15: 26: 24 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
she is still swerving badly // has hazards on  
15: 26: 55 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
making right on locust ave  
15: 27: 26 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
right side pass mirror is damaged also  
15: 27: 47 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
turning right at the ends of the bridge on monmouth ave  
15: 28: 48 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
passing hartshorne woods now  
15: 29: 14 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
passing van kirk ave  
15: 29: 37 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
right onto rt 36 sb  
15: 29: 42 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
twds .43  
15: 30: 27 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
uturn for highlands  
15: 30: 36 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
in the jughandle  
15: 32: 13 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
straight at the light into highlands on linden av  
15: 32: 21 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
turned left onto waterwitch  
15: 32: 36 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
left on shore dr twds e street  
15: 32: 50 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
she almost struck a bicyclist

15:33:09 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
pulling into sea streak parkin glot  
15:33:41 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
parked by the ferry in the lot  
15:34:21 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
she has parked in a handicapped spot // purple shirt and white shorts  
15:38:37 08/01/23 - Bigos, K  
pd 17 ntfd  
15:38:49 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
she is still just sitting there // she had gotten out and looked at the damage  
when she first pulled in but is just sitting there now  
15:43:54 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
car is still there // not sure if shes still in it  
15:44:24 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
she is leaving now  
15:44:36 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
she picked up a passenger  
15:44:50 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
male subj is driving now  
15:45:12 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
pt1 is 2 cars behind accused  
15:45:41 08/01/23 - Martin, R - From: Alvator, Ro  
veh traveling shore dr s/b  
  
15:46:18 08/01/23 - Civello, L  
disconnected with caller // he was advised of complaint procedures and is  
available to speak w/ ptls by phone if needed  
15:46:37 08/01/23 - Martin, R - From: Alvator, Ro  
out with veh at Waterwitch / Shore  
  
16:05:18 08/01/23 - Davis, Ja  
p13038 enroute to take report - 10-15 min eta  
16:05:42 08/01/23 - Martin, R - From: Alvator, Ro  
1 female 10-41  
  
16:11:24 08/01/23 - Martin, R - From: Alvator, Ro  
trns 1 female to pd.85 s/m 33780 camera on  
  
16:12:42 08/01/23 - Martin, R - From: O'Donnell, K  
trns subj to hqrts s/m 61309  
  
16:13:46 08/01/23 - Davis, Ja - From: Robinson, B  
out with highlands  
  
16:14:33 08/01/23 - Martin, R - From: O'Donnell, K  
e/m 61309  
  
16:16:58 08/01/23 - Martin, R  
Hennesseys towing ntfd for wrecker  
16:17:15 08/01/23 - Martin, R - From: Alvator, Ro  
e/m 33783  
  
16:33:10 08/01/23 - Martin, R - From: O'Donnell, K  
10-17 HAS THE VEHICLE  
  
16:35:24 08/01/23 - Davis, Ja - From: Robinson, B  
heading back into town

16:35:39 08/01/23 - Davis, Ja  
Address change from BR OCEANIC BRIDGE to 900 RIVER RD  
16:35:43 08/01/23 - Davis, Ja - From: Robinson, B  
back in town  
16:36:05 08/01/23 - Davis, Ja - From: Robinson, B  
900 river rd the initial impact  
  
16:43:56 08/01/23 - Funk, T  
20 minute observation started at 1635hrs.  
16:57:19 08/01/23 - Funk, T  
20 minute observation completed at 1655hrs as per processing camera.  
17:04:07 08/01/23 - Davis, Ja  
per 13038 leave this call open  
17:23:19 08/01/23 - Martin, R - From: Alvator, Ro  
trns female back to hqrts s/m 33783 camera on  
  
17:31:20 08/01/23 - Martin, R - From: Alvator, Ro  
e/m 33787  
  
17:49:41 08/01/23 - Martin, R - From: Alvator, Ro  
10-41 released

## Vehicles

**Vehicle Number:**

245427

**License Plate:** P34CHT**State:** NJ**Vehicle Year:** 2016**Make:** LEXU Lexus**Color:** SIL /**Vehicle Type:** PCAR Passenger Car**License Type:****Expires:** 07/31/26**VIN:** JTJBARBZ4G2088617**Model:** NX**Doors:** 0**Value:** \$0.00**Owner:****Last:** DUNIGAN**First:** PATRICIA**Mid:** A**DOB:** [REDACTED] 48**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Address:** 14 SPRUCE DR**Race:** W**Sex:** F**Phone:** [REDACTED]**City:** FAIR HAVEN, NJ 07704-3616**Agency:** P13 Fair Haven Police Department**Date Recov/Rcvd:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\***Officer:** ZZ Volker, M**Area:****UCR Status:****Wrecker Service:****Local Status:****Storage Location:****Status Date:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\***Release Date:** \*\*/\*\*/\*\***Comments:**

**Name Involvements:****Involved :** 427601

Last: DUNIGAN

First: JOHN

Mid:

DOB: [REDACTED] 54

Address: 14 SPRUCE DR

Race: [REDACTED] Sex: M

City: FAIR HAVEN, NJ 7704

**Witness :** 152550

Last: ASHINOFF

First: RUSSELL

Mid: L

DOB: [REDACTED] 73

Dr Lic: [REDACTED]

Address: 900 RIVER RD

Race: W Sex: M

Phone: [REDACTED]

City: FAIR HAVEN, NJ 07704

**Offender :** 427602

Last: DUNIGAN

First: PATRICIA

Mid: A

DOB: [REDACTED] 48

Dr Lic: [REDACTED]

Address: 14 SPRUCE DR

Race: W Sex: F

Phone: [REDACTED]

City: FAIR HAVEN, NJ 07704-3616