



Highlands Police Department

151 NAVESINK AVE; HIGHLANDS PD HIGHLANDS , NJ 07732

(732)872-1158

Officer Report for Incident 24HL04854

Nature: DWI

Address: BR 36 HIGHLAND SEABRIGHT
BRIDGE

Location: P17

HIGHLANDS NJ 07732

Offense Codes: DUI, DMVO, DMVO, DMVO, DMVO

Received By: Camp, R

How Received: O

Agency: P17

Responding Officers: Alvator, Ro, Connor, K, Cunha, Da, McGrath, C

Responsible Officer: Alvator, Ro

Disposition: CAA 07/05/24

When Reported: 00:03:18 07/05/24

Occurred Between: 00:03:11 07/05/24 and 00:03:11 07/05/24

Assigned To:

Detail:

Date Assigned: **/**/**

Status:

Status Date: **/**/**

Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

Last:

First:

Mid:

DOB: **/**/**

Dr Lic:

Address:

Race:

Sex:

Phone:

City: ,

Offense Codes

Reported:

Observed:

Additional Offense: DUI DUI Alcohol or Drugs

Additional Offense: DMVO DMVO

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Circumstances

LT13 Highway, Road, Alley

Responding Officers:

Unit :

Alvator, Ro

P17064

Connor, K

P17060

Cunha, Da

P85147

McGrath, C

P17034

Responsible Officer: Alvator, Ro

Agency: P17

Received By: Camp, R

Last Radio Log: 02:53:56 07/05/24 C

How Received: O Ofcr. Initiated
When Reported: 00:03:18 07/05/24
Judicial Status: NCI
Misc Entry:

Clearance: RR Report Required
Disposition: CAA **Date:** 07/05/24
Occurred between: 00:03:11 07/05/24
and: 00:03:11 07/05/24

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| Statute: | Description : | Method : |
| 39 Violation | Title 39 Violations | 39:4-85.1 |

Involvements

| Date | Type | Description | |
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| 07/05/24 | Name | MUGNO, EMILY S | Involved |
| 07/05/24 | Name | CASS, TARA A | Offender |
| 07/05/24 | Name | COSLETT, DOMINIQUE NOEL | Involved |
| 07/05/24 | Citation | Moving Violation | Citation |
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| 07/05/24 | Offense | Under Influence Drugs; Alcohol - 1 count | Charged With |
| 07/05/24 | Offense | Reckless Driving - 1 count | Charged With |
| 07/05/24 | Offense | One Way Traffic Signs - 1 count | Charged With |
| 07/05/24 | Offense | LEAVING THE SCENE - ATTENDED VEHICLE OR PROPERTY - 1 count | Charged With |
| 07/05/24 | Offense | Reports Of Accidents - 1 count | Charged With |
| 07/05/24 | Accident | 24HLA0053 | Related Incident |
| 07/05/24 | Vehicle | WHI 2018 ACUR RDX NJ | Vehicle |
| 07/05/24 | Vehicle | GRY 2022 LEXU NX4 NJ | Vehicle History |
| 07/05/24 | Cad Call | 00:03:18 07/05/24 STOP | Initiating Call |
| 07/05/24 | | [No description] | Impounded |

Narrative

On 7/5/24 at approximately 0003 hours I was on uniformed patrol in marked patrol vehicle 1706, it should be noted my patrol vehicle is outfitted with overhead emergency lights as well as an audible warning device. While conducting a roving patrol of the Borough of Highlands I was driving northbound on the on-ramp for SR 36. Upon entering the highway I observed two vehicles in front of me, one of them being in the right lane and one being in the left lane. Both vehicle had their brake lights illuminated and appeared to be moving slowly or stopped in traffic. I then observed the vehicle in the left lane make a sharp right turn into the right lane and I could now see headlights approaching my vehicle.

I stopped my patrol vehicle in the right lane of SR 36 N and activated my overhead emergency lights to signal the vehicle to stop. The vehicle continued driving southbound in the northbound lanes, passing my vehicle. I then made a U-turn over the median and began to advise MCRR of the incident. As I closed the gap between my vehicle and the wrong-way driver I activated my siren, to which the vehicle did not immediately yield to. As the vehicle approached the Sea Bright/Highlands bridge I observed the vehicle to slow down drastically, almost completely stopping. I pulled my vehicle alongside the wrong-way driver, who was now moving extremely slow. As I exited my patrol vehicle I made verbal commands to the driver to stop the vehicle, which she complied. I made my way to the driver side door of the vehicle and made contact with the driver, later identified as Tara Cass, herein referred to as "Cass". Cass was already in the process of exiting her vehicle and I escorted her to the sidewalk for safety. As I escorted Cass to the sidewalk I could notice her to stagger slightly and I could detect the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from her person. It should be noted that Cass was fixing her mirror, which was pushed in and had visible damage from a motor vehicle accident.

Once on the sidewalk and out of traffic I began to conduct a Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) investigation. I started by asked Cass what she had hit to determine if there was possibly an injured party in the area. Cass said she believed to have been hit by a vehicle that had driven off. It was later learned that Cass struck NJ REG A25NRE while on the wrong side of the highway and she was the one that continued to drive and not report the accident. I then asked Cass where she was coming from to which she stated "Highlands". I asked where in Highlands she was and she replied by advising she had just gotten back from watching the fireworks in New York City. Finally I asked Cass how much she had to drink tonight and she replied by advising she had consumed one or two drinks since about 6:30 pm this evening. While speaking with Cass I could continue to detect the odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from her person and I could also detect slurred speech as she answered my questions. I then asked if she would participate in the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, to which she agreed. It should be noted Cass advised she had plates in her leg from a previous MVA but she is able to walk and perform daily functions as normal.

Walk and Turn:

The first test I conducted was the walk and turn test. I placed Cass in the starting position and advised her to stay in that position while I explained and demonstrated the test. It should be noted that Cass was unable to remain in the starting position for the instruction phase. Upon completion of the instructions and demonstration I asked Cass if she understood the test and she indicated she did. Cass began the test, not keeping her hands at her side. When I advised Cass to keep her hands at her sides she became confused and I decided to explain and demonstrate the test a second time. Cass again indicated she understood the instructions and was advised to begin. Cass did not touch heel to toe on each

step and raised her arms for balance during the test. I also observed Cass to sway from side to side during the test.

One Legged Stand:

The next test conducted was the one legged stand test. I explained and demonstrated the test to Cass and upon completion of the instructions I asked if she understood, to which she advised she did. Cass was advised to begin when ready. Upon starting the test Cass had to immediately put her foot down. Cass was observed to sway from side to side during the test and she also did not count aloud. I explained and demonstrated the test for Cass a second time and she again advised she understood the instructions. Cass was again unable to keep her foot elevated before putting it down. I again observed her to sway from side to side and raise her arms for balance. Cass also did not count aloud for the entire duration, only briefly before I stopped the test for safety purposes.

Alphabet:

I asked Cass what her highest level of education was and she replied she had a masters degree. I confirmed that she knew the English Alphabet in its entirety and explained the test. Cass was advised to begin when ready and she did. During this test I continued to observe her to sway side to side, however she completed the test.

Upon completion of the tests, I used my observations as well as my training and experience to make a determination. I determined that Cass was under the influence of alcohol and she was impaired by same. I advised Cass that she was being placed under arrest for DWI. I secured Cass in double-locked handcuffs behind her person and placed her in the rear prisoner compartment of marked patrol vehicle 1706, securing her in a seatbelt. Her property was gathered from the vehicle and Ptl. Connor conducted a search for intoxicants, which yielded negative results. I transported Cass back to Highlands Police Headquarters for processing, logging both starting and ending mileage with MCRR. It should be noted that while transporting Cass I noticed the odor of an alcoholic beverage to fill the interior of my patrol vehicle, which was not present prior to Cass being placed in the vehicle.

Once at headquarters I read Cass her Miranda Warning which she indicated, in writing, that she understood her rights and was willing to speak with officers. I then read Cass the New Jersey Attorney General's Standard Statement for Motor Vehicle Operators. Cass indicated she would be willing to participate in the chemical breathe test and a constant observation period, of at least twenty minutes, was started at 0033 hours. Prior to starting the constant observation period I confirmed there were no foreign objects in her mouth that would affect the test. Upon completion of the constant observation period Sgt. McGrath administered the chemical breathe test, ensuring all electronics were removed from the DWI room prior to beginning the test. Sgt. McGrath advised me that he received an error code while performing the test and our alcotest was out of service. I then transported Cass to Atlantic Highlands Police Headquarters to use their alcotest.

Once at AHPD I met with Ptl. Cunha, who operated the alcotest as he is certified to do so. Another constant observation period was conducted and this observation period was started at 0035 hours and ending at 0055 hours. The test was successfully completed and a BAC reading was achieved. After MCRR confirmed the readings were within acceptable tolerance Cass yielded a BAC of .073%. It should be noted that the legal limit in the State of New Jersey is .08% and it should be further noted that the results were achieved almost two hours after the time of arrest. Cass was also given the opportunity to call for a sober party to pick

her up and sign the potential liability form. Cass advised that the only person that could sign was at her residence in Long Branch and had no way of responding to headquarters. Sgt. McGrath permitted me to transport Cass to her residence to release her to a sober party. Once I arrived at Cass's residence we met with Michael Deutsch, who signed the Potential Liability Form. Cass was provided with her property as well as her summonses and released. Cass was issued five summonses with a pending court date of 07/16/24 at 3:00 pm at the Highlands Municipal Court.

Cass's Summonses are as follows:

- 1317E24000644 Driving While Intoxicated; 39:4-50
- 1317E24000645 Reckless Driving; 39:4-96
- 1317E24000646 One Way Traffic; 39:4-85.1
- 1317E24000647 Leaving the scene of an accident; 39:4-129(B)
- 1317E24000648 Failure to report accident; 39:4-130

An NJTR-1 will be completed for this incident.

New Jersey ABC Last Drink Report was filled out and attached to this report.

Ptl. Alvator #64

Supplement

02:53:56 07/05/2024 - Alvator, Ro

CAD Call info/comments

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00:03:18 07/05/2024 - Camp, R
att to stop

00:04:18 07/05/2024 - Camp, R - From: Alvator, Ro
stopping in he nb lanes

00:04:57 07/05/2024 - Camp, R - From: Connor, K
1 out for testing

00:08:33 07/05/2024 - Rodriguez, Jo
dominique zoslett @ [REDACTED] - was sideswiped by unk veh, patrol are on stop
with it / will be waiting near sr 36 bridge in white acura suv with hazards to
speak to pd

00:15:09 07/05/2024 - Camp, R - From: Connor, K
REQ FOR A 17 FOR 450 // HAVE THE DRIVER GO DOWN THE SB LANES TURN ON THE
BRIDGE
TURN AROUND THAN COME DOWN TO THEM CAUSE THE VEH IS IN THE SB LANES OF
TRAVEL

00:19:32 07/05/2024 - Camp, R
HENNESSEY'S TOWING NTFD // NO ETA GIVEN

00:20:25 07/05/2024 - Camp, R - From: Alvator, Ro
TRNS FEMALE 41 TO HQ SM 80536

00:22:21 07/05/2024 - Camp, R - From: Cunha, Da
GRABBING THE INSURANCE INFO FROM THE VEH THAT WAS SIDE SWIPPED

00:22:46 07/05/2024 - Camp, R - From: Alvator, Ro
10-9 HQ EM 80537

00:33:38 07/05/2024 - Alvator, Ro
START 20 MINUTE OBSERVATION

00:38:20 07/05/2024 - Camp, R - From: Connor, K
HOOK IS 10-9

00:45:27 07/05/2024 - Camp, R - From: Connor, K
TOW CLEAR

01:27:57 07/05/2024 - Camp, R - From: Alvator, Ro
TRSN 1 FEMALE 41 TO ATLANTIC HIGHLAND SM 80537

01:33:45 07/05/2024 - Camp, R - From: Alvator, Ro
10-9 ATLANTIC HIGHLAND PD EM 80540

02:28:45 07/05/2024 - Camp, R - From: Alvator, Ro
80540 TRNS 1 FEMALE FROM ATLANTIC HIGHLAND HQ TO 30 MILLROSE LB. SM 80540

02:51:44 07/05/2024 - Camp, R - From: Alvator, Ro
80551 CLEAR RR

Supplement

03:16:31 07/05/2024 - Cunha, Da

Ptl. D. Cunha #147 operated the Alcotest Instrument on 07/05/24 in accordance to departmental policy and procedure for PD 17 Highlands, 17064.

Vehicles**Vehicle Number:**

690732

License Plate: A25NRE**State:** NJ**Vehicle Year:** 2018**Make:** ACUR Acura**Color:** WHI /**Vehicle Type:** PCAR Passenger Car**License Type:** PC Regular Passenger Automobile**Expires:** 04/30/24**VIN:** 5J8TB4H39JL021783**Model:** RDX**Doors:** 4**Value:** \$0.00**Owner:****Last:** MUGNO**DOB:** [REDACTED] 98**First:** EMILY**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Mid:** S**Address:** 249 MAIN STREET**Race:****Sex:** F**Phone:** () -**City:** PORT MONMOUTH, NJ

07758-1254

Agency:**Officer:****UCR Status:****Local Status:****Status Date:** **/**/****Comments:****Date Recov/Rcvd:** **/**/****Area:****Wrecker Service:****Storage Location:****Release Date:** **/**/****Vehicle Number:**

814489

License Plate: L92RKZ**State:** NJ**Vehicle Year:** 2022**Make:** LEXU Lexus**Color:** GRY /**Vehicle Type:** PCAR Passenger Car**License Type:** PC Regular Passenger Automobile**Expires:** 10/31/26**VIN:** JTJKKCFZ9N2009069**Model:** NX4**Doors:** 4**Value:** \$0.00**Owner:****Last:** CASS**DOB:** [REDACTED] 71**First:** TARA**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Mid:** A**Address:** 30 MELROSE TER # 406;
MELROSE TERRANCE APTS**Race:** W**Sex:** F**Phone:** () -**City:** LONG BRANCH, NJ 07740**Agency:****Officer:****UCR Status:****Local Status:****Status Date:** **/**/****Date Recov/Rcvd:** **/**/****Area:****Wrecker Service:****Storage Location:****Release Date:** **/**/**

Comments:

Name Involvements:**Involved :** 629674**Last:** MUGNO**DOB:** [REDACTED] 98**Race:** **Sex:** F**First:** EMILY**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Phone:** () -**Mid:** S**Address:** 249 MAIN STREET**City:** PORT MONMOUTH, NJ
07758-1254**Involved :** 1153717**Last:** COSLETT**DOB:** [REDACTED] 97**Race:** W **Sex:** F**First:** DOMINIQUE**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Phone:** () -**Mid:** NOEL**Address:** 1105 TENNYSON CLOSE**City:** MOOSIC, PA 18507**Offender :** 1153666**Last:** CASS**DOB:** [REDACTED] 71**Race:** W **Sex:** F**First:** TARA**Dr Lic:** [REDACTED]**Phone:** () -**Mid:** A**Address:** 30 MELROSE TER # 406;
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