



Atlantic Highlands Police Department

100 1ST AVE; PD 85 ATL HIGHLANDS , NJ 07716 () -

Officer Report for Incident 24AH16668

Nature: DWI

Address: GRAND AVE & MEMORIAL
PKWY

Location: P85

ATL HIGHLANDS NJ 07716

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

Received By: Passeggio, R

How Received: 9

Agency: P85

Responding Officers: LaBella, Jo, Doherty, T, Anderson, P

Responsible Officer: LaBella, Jo

Disposition: CAA 12/13/24

When Reported: 16:52:55 12/13/24

Occurred Between: 16:52:55 12/13/24 and 16:53:45 12/13/24

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: INTP Intoxicated Person

Observed:

Additional Offense: INTP Intoxicated Person

Additional Offense: DMVO DMVO

Additional Offense: DUI DUI Alcohol or Drugs

Additional Offense: DMVO DMVO

Additional Offense: DMVO DMVO

Circumstances

Responding Officers:

Unit :

LaBella, Jo

P85148

Doherty, T

P85303

Anderson, P

P85142

Responsible Officer: LaBella, Jo

Agency: P85

Received By: Passeggio, R

Last Radio Log: 18:28:53 12/13/24 C

How Received: 9 911 Line

Clearance: RR Report Required

When Reported: 16:52:55 12/13/24

Disposition: CAA **Date:** 12/13/24

Judicial Status:

Occurred between: 16:52:55 12/13/24

Misc Entry:	and: 16:53:45 12/13/24	
Statute:	Description :	Method :
39 Violation	Title 39 Violations	39:4-50
39 Violation	Title 39 Violations	39:4-96

Involvements

Date	Type	Description
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Narrative

DWI / MV Accident - Grand Ave N / Memorial Pkwy - 12/14/2024

BWC Activated

JJL I, Ptlm. LaBella, Ptlm. Anderson and SLEO II Doherty responded to the above location in regards to a MV Accident which resulted in a DUI.

V1 rear ended V2 as they were stopped at a red light. The driver and passenger of V2 did not sustain any injuries. The call was dispatched by MCRR, they advised the driver of V2 was experiencing back pain. HMM First Aid arrived on scene, assessed both subjects and they refused further medical assistance. Driver of V1 was not injured.

Both vehicles sustained minor damage. V1 sustained minor damage on its' front bumper consisting of a cracked bumper and bent license plate. V2 sustained minor damage to its' rear bumper consisting of scratches and a bent tow hitch cover. It should be noted that the driver of V2 advised Ptlm. Anderson that his whole bumper needed to be replaced. He estimated the repair would cost over \$1,000. All damage reportable.

SFSTs were conducted on the driver of V1 resulting in signs of impairment.

The driver of V1 was issued the following summonses:

39:4-50 DWI - 1305E24001725
39:4-50 DWI Refusal - 1305E24001726
39:4-97 Careless Driving - 1305E24001727
39:4-96 Reckless Driving - 1305E24001728

See Drunk Driving Influence Report for further.

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Supplemental for Incident

DETAILS

Incident Number: 24AH16668

Name: LaBella, Jo

Sequence Number: 2

Date: 14:27:51 12/14/24

NARRATIVE

Drunk Driving Influence Report

JJL 1.) OPERATION

On the above date I, Ptlm. LaBella was assigned to patrol in the Borough of Atlantic Highlands. I was operating marked patrol vehicle #8506 which is equipped with a mobile video recorder (MVR) which may be activated manually or is activated automatically when the emergency lights are placed on. I am also equipped with a body worn camera (BWC) which is activated manually. Both cameras were utilized for this incident.

I was dispatched to a Motor Vehicle Accident on Grand Ave N / Memorial Pkwy. Upon arrival I was approached by SLEO II Doherty who was already on scene and interviewing the involved parties prior to my arrival. I observed a Black Jeep behind a Black Ford stopped on Grand Ave Northbound. As I was walking over to the accident, SLEO II Doherty advised me that the driver operating the Black Jeep Grand Cherokee (NJ A57FPM), rear ended a Black Ford F-150 (NJ S52PZR). He further advised me that the driver of the Black Jeep had slurred speech.

2.) WHEN STOPPED

I then approached the Black Jeep from the passenger side. I then made contact with the driver Catherine Farrington and said, "How are you?" She then stared at me with a blank face for several seconds so I said again, "How are you?" She then stated, "I'm fine." I asked her if she was feeling any pain due to the fact that she was in a motor vehicle accident, she stated she was not. I then asked her where she was coming from and she said she was dropping off friends in Rumson. I then asked her what happened in the accident. She advised she made a mistake, she was moving forward because she thought the vehicle in front of her was moving forward and she "tapped," the vehicle in front of her. I then advised her that I noticed that her speech was slurred and asked if that was how she normally spoke. She stated, "No, I'm fine." I then asked her how she was fine. She then stated, "N-I am... I don't... Sorry." She then paused for several seconds, placed her hands together, placed them in her lap, looked at me and said, "I am fine... I am happy to walk the line or whatever." As I was speaking with Farrington I could smell the odor of alcoholic beverage emitting from the cabin of her vehicle. I then asked her to recite the alphabet starting from the letter, "A." She then stuttered while reciting the alphabet at the letter "L," and said what sounded like "L,F,M,P." She then recited a similar sounding unintelligible phrase again, stopped at "P." and asked, "How long do you want me to go?" I advised her to recite the whole alphabet. She then recited the alphabet from the letter, "A," stopped at the letter "U," and said sorry. I then asked her how much she had to drink tonight and she stated she had a couple of glasses of wine. I then asked her where she had the wine and she said at lunch. I then asked her, "On a scale of 1 to 10, what would you say your level of drunk is?" She then stated, "Probably 2 or 3." I then asked her "Level 2 or 3 of drunk? or 2 or 3 drinks is what you had." She then stated, "I had 2 or 3 drinks." I then asked her, "On a scale of 1 to 10 how

intoxicated would you say you are?" She then shrugged and said, "2 or 3." Due to the fact that I could smell the odor of alcoholic beverage emitting from Farrington's vehicle, she could not complete the alphabet and her speech was slurred, she was then removed from the vehicle to conduct a Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST).

All forward facing emergency lights were deactivated to perform the SFST on a flat level, well lit surface, free of debris and obstructions.

Prior to starting the test, the subject's daughter approached Farrington and said "I, am so mad at you." and "I can't even look at you." She then asked me if she could take Farrington home, she was advised that was not an option. After the interaction with her daughter, Farrington stated "I am fully capable of facing the law how I should, maybe you could just give me a break?" I asked her what she wanted a break from and she stated she "No I don't want a break, never mind."

Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus Test (HGN):

First, I conducted a Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus Test on Farrington. Farrington was wearing glasses that I had her remove prior to starting the test. I then advised Farrington that I was going to be conducting a test where she would be utilizing her eyes. I asked Farrington if she had any issues with her eyes other than wearing glasses, she replied "no." HGN refers to involuntary jerking of the eyes as they gaze towards the side. The involuntary jerking of the eyes develops when a person is impaired. Farrington was instructed to follow the stimulus with her eyes only and to keep her head stationary as I moved the stimulus.

Farrington's pupils were both equally sized with equal tracking. Farrington lacked smooth pursuit from both eyes meaning her eyes were not moving smoothly as she was following my stimulus. I then checked onset prior to 45 degrees in which I observed a distinct and sustained involuntary jerking of both eyes. Next I checked maximum deviation in which I observed a distinct and sustained involuntary jerking of both eyes. Lastly I checked Farrington's vertical gaze nystagmus in which I observed a distinct and sustained involuntary jerking of both eyes.

Walk and Turn Test:

Next, I advised Farrington that she was going to perform a walk and turn test. Farrington was instructed to stand in the starting position, with her right foot directly in front of her left foot with the heel of her right foot touching the toes of her left foot with her hands down to her sides. I then demonstrated the test to her. As I was demonstrating the test to Farrington she exited the starting position several times. Each time she exited the starting position, she attempted to re-enter the starting position. While doing so, she continued to stagger closer and closer to the curb. I then had her properly re-enter the starting position away from the curb. After doing so, she was then instructed to perform the test.

She then began the test. While conducting the test, Farrington took about 26 steps, not in a heel-toe fashion without counting out loud. From approximately step 20 until step 26, Farrington began walking in a normal fashion. She then stopped at her last step stated "okay." She was then instructed to turn around and walk back. She then walked back taking approximately 21 steps in a normal fashion without counting out loud.

One Leg Stand Test:

I then advised Farrington that she was going to perform a one leg stand test. I then demonstrated the test to her. She was then instructed to perform the test. She then lifted her left leg off of the ground, lost balance and immediately placed it back onto the ground. She then asked if she could do the test with her arms up, she was advised that she must keep her arms down. I then instructed the test to her again. While I was instructing her again, she began to perform the test, lifted her leg for approximately 2 seconds, lost balance and

immediately placed it back on the ground. She then attempted to conduct the test 2 more times and said "Nope, I can't do it."

Farrington was subsequently placed under arrest for driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or drugs. She was handcuffed utilizing the double locking mechanism. Farrington was checked for weapons with negative results.

3.) EN ROUTE TO STATION

Farrington was then transported to HQ by myself in patrol vehicle #8506 without incident. My BWC was activated and county was advised of the starting and ending mileage. It should be noted that the rear of #8506 was checked pre / post transport as well as at the start of shift for contraband with negative results. Hennessey towing was contacted to respond to the scene to impound the vehicle in accordance with John's Law. Vehicle was removed by Hennessey's Towing, refer to tow slip for more information.

4.) AT HEADQUARTERS

Once at HQ, all weapons were secured in a lock box and a secondary search was conducted with negative results by Ptl. Curley from Highlands PD. I then began the 20 minute observation. I then read Farrington the New Jersey Attorney General's Standard Statement for Motor Vehicle Operators. When asked if she would provide samples of her breath for testing she replied, "No." I then terminated the 20 minute observation. Farrington was read her Miranda Rights to which she signed that she understood and stated she wished to answer questions. Ptlm. Anderson performed the Alcotest for Farrington where she was processed as a refusal. Farrington advised her last drink was at River Pointe Inn in Rumson. A last drink report was completed and faxed to the ABC Investigations Bureau as well.

5.) CHARGES

Edgar Farrington responded to Police HQ to retrieve Catherine. Edgar signed the potential liability form in accordance with John's Law. I completed the impound form and I issued Farrington the following summonses:

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Farrington was issued a court date of 01/14/2024 at 3:00PM at Atlantic Highlands Municipal Court. No further incident.

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