Westfield Police Department

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Investigation Report

Incident Details:

Case Number	Time Reported	Date Reported	Time Occurred	Date Occurred	Occurrence Between Date / Time of	Time Occurred	Date Occurred	911	Completed
23-42061	15:52	09/20/23	15:52	09/22/23					X

Incident Type:

Driving While Intoxicated 39:4-50

Incident Location:

Street # Street Name: REP [redacted]
Intersection / Cross Street of: Everson Place
Business / Common Location Name: REP [redacted]

Contact Information: Victim Suspect Complainant Witness Driver Arrest Passenger Missing Business Other

Code	Contact Name #1	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
Z1	Stepanov, Basil	A		43	M	1B	REP [redacted]	PII [redacted]

Address: REP [redacted] Westfield, NJ 07090
Home Phone: --
Cell Phone: PII [redacted]

Code	Contact Name #2	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
D1	Stepanov, Jenny	A		45	F	1B	REP [redacted]	PII [redacted]

Address: REP [redacted] Westfield, NJ 07090
Home Phone: --
Cell Phone: PII [redacted]

Code	Contact Name #3	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
O	Juvenile REP/JV [redacted]							

Address: REP/JV [redacted]
Home Phone: --
Cell Phone: --

Code	Contact Name #4	MI	Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN
T	CES Towing	--						--

Address: 340 Cox Street, Roselle, New Jersey 07203
Home Phone: 908-445-7327
Cell Phone: 908-445-7327

Property Information:

Value of Stolen Property	Currency	Jewelry	Furs	Clothing	Auto	Misc.	Total
Value of Stolen Property Recovered							

Automobile Information:

	Vehicle Code	Year	Make	Body Type	Color	Registration	State	VIN
1	Arrest	18	CHE	WAGON	GY	B26KPK	NJ	1GNSKHKC7JR368897
2								
3								
4								

Narrative:

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Operation:
On 09/20/2023 I Officer Perkins responded to REP [redacted] School located at REP [redacted] for a report from REP [redacted] the school Principal, that a Jenny Stepanov, a parent came to pick up her REP/JV [redacted] a half hour late and she thinks that the parent is under the influence of a substance. Upon my arrival, I observed a female, later identified by her New Jersey Driver's License as Jenny Stepanov, standing by the front door of the school. I entered the school and spoke with the Principal.

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Officer of Record:	Date:	Other Reports Filed:	Reviewed By:
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On scene:

[redacted] stated that while speaking with Mrs. Stepanov it was clear her speech was slow, slurred and was able to detect what she believed was alcoholic beverages from Mrs. Stepanov's person.

At this time I went outside to speak with Mrs. Stepanov. While standing in front of her I could smell a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from her mouth when she spoke to me. Next I advised Mrs. Stepanov of her Miranda Warnings then began to inquire why she was late to which she replied "I fell asleep, I drove alone", explaining how she arrived at the school. It should be noted that her [redacted] was with her on scene. Before I came out of the school the [redacted] was sitting in their car, a 2018 Chevy Suburban, that was parked on the northbound side of Westfield Avenue. Knowing Mrs. Stepanov had consumed some type of alcoholic beverage I asked If she drove to the school with [redacted] in the vehicle to which she replied "No she walked here from [redacted] school, I drove here alone". Officer Marlow arrived on scene as back up and began working on locating someone the children can be turned over to. Shortly thereafter we spoke with Mr. Stepanov, advised him of the situation and our suspicions. Mr. Stepanov requested that the kids be turned over to their nanny, Karem Casses who resides in Westfield and can respond immediately as Mr. Stepanov was at work in New York City. Mrs. Casses arrived on scene where she took custody of [redacted] Mrs. Casses completed the Westfield Police Juvenile Short Term Custody forms when custody of [redacted] was transferred.

With the children removed from the scene Mrs. Stepanov was escorted from the steps of [redacted] School to the north side parking lot of the school. Sergeant Ostrander arrived to assist. Mrs. Stepanov was then instructed to sit on the bumper of marked patrol car #414 for the following test;

Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus:

During the HGN Test, I positioned myself approximately 15 inches from Mrs. Stepanov, ensuring there was adequate ambient lighting. I instructed her to follow the stimulus, which in this case was the tip of my finger, without moving her head. The specific clues I looked for during the test were; Mrs. Stepanov's eyes failed to exhibit smooth pursuit while attempting to track the stimulus, which was observed in both eyes. Distinct and sustained nystagmus at maximum deviation was observed in both eyes. Nystagmus prior to 45 degrees was detected in both eyes as well.

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Next Mrs. Stepanov was asked to perform the following Field Sobriety tests with the following results;

One Leg Stand:
Mrs. Stepanov raised her right leg for this test. Mrs. Stepanov was observed swaying as she attempted to keep his balance. Mrs. Stepanov completed the test as instructed.

Walk and Turn:
While explaining and demonstrating the instructions, Mrs. Stepanov failed to maintain the prescribed starting position. Specifically by not keeping her feet in the proper starting position, and talking/joking. Mrs. Stepanov took the correct number of steps down the line (9 steps) but needed to question if she had reached nine steps. While returning back down the line, she did not use a series of small steps to turn around and performed the test walking backwards stopping at the front of the police car. Mrs. Stepanov did not count each step out loud. She was unable to complete the test as instructed.

At this time, Mrs. Stepanov was placed under arrest for Driving While Intoxicated, this in violation of N.J.S.A. 39:4-50. I handcuffed and searched the arrestee incident to arrest and prior to placing her in the rear prisoner compartment of patrol vehicle # 414. I conducted a conducted a visual inspection of the rear prisoner compartment of patrol vehicle #414 prior to placing the arrestee Mrs. Stepanov in the same with negative results. I then secured the arrestee in the rear prisoner compartment with the provided seat belt and transported her directly to headquarters.

I requested a duty tow to respond to the scene to remove his vehicle from the road way as per John's Law. Officer Marlow remained with the vehicle until CES Towing arrived on scene and removed the vehicle. Sgt. Ostrander was the supervisor on scene, rode with me and the arrestee.

En Route to Westfield Police Department Headquarters:

I, transported Mrs. Stepanov to the Westfield Police Headquarters without incident. A strong odor of an alcoholic beverage was detected from the rear prisoner compartment passenger seat where Mrs. Stepanov was solely seated. This odor was not present in the vehicle prior to placing Mrs. Stepanov in the prisoner compartment. The rear passenger compartment was checked before and after transport with negative results.

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At WPD Headquarters

Upon arrival at headquarters, I assisted the arrestee Mrs. Stepanov out of the rear passenger compartment of patrol vehicle #414 and again conducted a visual inspection of the rear prisoner compartment with negative results. Upon entering the processing area, Sgt. Ostrander and I escorted the arrestee Mrs. Stepanov into the processing area and secured our duty firearms in the provided weapons locker. I then searched Mrs. Stepanov's person again with negative results. She was then secured to the processing room bench by the provided handcuff. We processed the arrestee in accordance with departmental SOPs.

While at Westfield Police Department Headquarters, Mrs. Stepanov was read her Miranda Warning's and the NJ Attorney General's Standard Statement which she said "I understand". The continuous twenty-minute observation of Mrs. Stepanov, began on Wednesday 20, 2023 at 17:31 hours before administering the Alcotest. A visual inspection of Mrs. Stepanov's mouth revealed no foreign objects. During this time, face to face contact was maintained by myself. Mrs. Stepanov did not place anything into her month, did not burp, belch, or regurgitate anything into her empty mouth. All radios, cellular phones, BWC, and portable electronics were removed from the processing room before chemical testing. A new sealed mouthpiece was used for each attempt to gather samples of Mrs. Stepanov's breath. All times were kept on WPD Dispatch Computer and may differ from those observed on other recording devices. Mrs. Stepanov was advised of the following by Officer Gill before each test was administered: "I want you to take a deep breath and blow into the mouthpiece with one long, continuous breath. Continue to blow until I tell you to stop. Do you understand these instructions?" Before each test, Mrs. Stepanov laughed then stated she understood. Mrs. Stepanov was able to perform the tests successfully and the Alcotest results for Mrs. Stepanov were "0.17" B.A.C. Test results were checked through the State of New Jersey Alcotest Calculator and the samples were within the acceptable tolerance. It should be noted during processing, Mrs. Stepanov kept switching from crying to joking to anger while sitting on the bench. Mrs. Stepanov was cooperative and calm through this process.

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Motor Vehicle Summonses:

Mrs. Stepanov was issued the following motor vehicle summons with a mandatory Westfield Municipal Court date of 10/03/202 at 0900 hours:

2020 E23 008533 39:4-50 Driving Under Influence of Liquor or Drugs

Upon completion of processing, Mrs. Stepanov was given a copy of the Alcohol Influence Report and DWI questionnaire. Basil Stepanov, was contacted and responded to Westfield Police Department Headquarters in order to take custody of Stepanov. While at Westfield Police Department Headquarters, Mr. Stepanov completed and signed the original Potential Liability Form in its entirety prior to taking custody of Mrs. Stepanov and receiving this form.

At approximately 19:05 hours, Sergeant Penn contacted DCP&P and spoke with operator, April (#1738). He informed her of the situation at school pickup and the possibility that Mrs. Stepoanov would have driven her children while she was under the influence. April stated that the Union West Officer will be responding within 24 hours.

My MVR/BWC was activated and recording during this incident. This recording was titled, categorized, for uploaded into Evidence.com for further review. There is nothing further to report at this time.

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Arrest Report

Arrest Details:

Case Number	Arrest Number	Arrest Date	Arrest Time	Place of Arrest
23-42061		09/20/23	15:52	REP [redacted] Westfield, NJ, 07090

Arrestee Information:

Name(Lastname, Firstname	M I	Suffix	Alias_Nickname
Stepanov, Jenny	A		--

Address	DOB	Age	Sex	Race	SSN
44 Tamaques Way, Westfield, NJ 07090	11/15/77	45	F	1B	PII [redacted]

Place of Birth	DLN	Height	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Mar. Status
Bronx, NY	REP [redacted]	5'3"	149	BRO	BRO	Fair	Mar

Other Descriptive Info	Glasses	Build	Speech	Handed	Miranda	Prints	Photo
SC FOOT (right foot)	Y	Medi	English	Right	Y		Y

Occupation	Employer	Bus. Address
Unemployed	Unemployed	Unemployed

SBI #	FBI #	Phone	Email
--	--	PII [redacted]	REP [redacted]

Complaint Information

Charge(s)
Driving While Intoxicated 39:4-50

Complainant Name(Lastname, Firstname & Address
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Offense Date	Offense Time	Place of Offense	Mun. Code
09/20/23	16:48	REP [redacted] Westfield, NJ, 07090	2020

w/ Warrant	w/o Warrant	On View	Summons	Handcuffed The Arrestee	Checked the car prior to placing an arrestee in the backs
		X		Y	Y

Vehicle	Yr	Make	Body Type	Color	Reg	State	VIN
Veh.	18	CHE	WAGO	GY	B26KPK	NJ	1GNSKHKC7JR368897

Date	Court
10/03/23	Westfield Municipal Court

Amount Bail	10%	Bail Result	Place Committed

Date	Court	Disposition

Narrative:

On September 20th, 2023 on 16:48 hours, Jenny Stepanov was arrest for Driving while Under the Influence, 39:4-50 pursuant to an investigation at REP [redacted] Westfield, NJ. She was transported to Westfield Police Headquarters where she was released to her husband, Basil Stepanov, a sober adult, who completed the Potential Liability Form.

Jenny Stepanov was issued the following summons with a mandatory Westfield Municipal Court date of October 03, 2023 at 0900 hours;

39:4-50 2020 E23 008533 Operating Under the Influence of Liquor of Drugs

Officer of Record:	Date:	Reviewed By:	Juvenile Released To:	Time:
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