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Driver Arrested After Morning Crash for Eighth Operating Under the Influence

Hingham, MA – A Hull woman was arrested for her 8th Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol charge after leaving the scene of crash Monday morning in Hingham Square. The woman, whose driver's license had already been revoked for life due to drunk driving, was also driving with open containers of alcohol.

On Monday, June 19, 2017 at 11:24am a man approached Sgt. Matthew Lucas while he was on a traffic detail to report he had just witnessed a car side swipe a parked car on South St. in Hingham Square and drive away. The witness provided the registration and description of the car that left the scene. The car listed to a resident of Hull. Officer David Orlandi, who was traveling on Summer St. at the time, immediately saw the car traveling toward him. It had damage fresh damage on the driver's side. He reversed direction and signaled it to pull over. The car did not pull over initially but eventually stopped near the Hingham District Court on George Washington Blvd.

The driver, who had bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and smelled of an alcoholic beverage, admitted she side swiped the parked car. She denied she had anything to drink. She was unable to successfully complete a series of field sobriety tests. During the tests she told the Officer "I just want to go home". She then admitted she had been drinking but said it was "not much". She was arrested for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol. In the center console was a large coffee cup that appeared to contain alcohol/liquor. Inside the driver's door pocket was a spring water bottle with a dark liquid that also smelled of alcohol/liquor. The contents of both tested positive for alcohol using a portable breath test device.

The vehicle, a 2011 Ford Edge, was not registered to her. It had damage on the driver's mirror. The parked vehicle, a 2008 Volvo XC90, had damage on the passenger side mirror. It had been parked in a marked space in the one way portion of South St.

Arrested was Deborah L. Letourneau, age 52, of 155 George Washington Blvd, #206, Hull, MA. She was charged with: 1) Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol (O.U.I.) 5th or subsequent offense 2) Operating After License Suspended for O.U.I. 3) Operating to Endanger 4) License Suspended for O.U.I. While O.U.I. 5) Leaving the Scene After Causing Property Damage 6) Driving With Open Container of Alcohol.

The 5th or subsequent offense is based on seven prior convictions for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol: 2014 in New York, 2010 in Boston, 2004 in Hingham, 2001 in Hingham, 2000 in Holbrook, 1997 in Braintree and 1997 from MA State Police. Her Massachusetts driver's license had been revoked for life in 2010.

She was booked at the Hingham Police station and ordered held overnight with no bail allowed by the bail commissioner. She was arraigned on June 20, at Hingham District Court and was ordered held without bail pending a probation violation and a dangerousness hearing to be held on June 26, 2017.

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