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Driver Arrested After Crash While Fleeing Police

Hingham, MA – Officers were sent to assist a driver who threatened suicide and was stopped at an intersection. She drove away from Officers, struck several cars including a police car. She crashed following a short pursuit. She was arrested at the scene and transported to the hospital. No one else was injured.

On Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 3:06pm Officers were dispatched to the intersection of Cushing St. and Whiting St. (Route 53) for a report of a driver who was threatening suicide. The call to police came from an agency who was assisting her on the phone. Officers attempted to speak with her but she drove away. She drove south on Whiting St., turned into a nearby parking lot and reversed direction. Near the intersection of Cushing St. her car became partially blocked by traffic. Officers were outside her car attempting to have her get out and she sped away. Her car hit a stopped truck and a police car as she forced her way between them.

She then struck a stopped car in the opposite lane, a guard rail and continued northbound on Whiting St. at a high rate of speed. Officers attempted to catch up to her and found she had already struck a utility pole and a fire hydrant. Her car went off the road down an embankment near 311 Whiting St. and caught fire. Officers removed the woman from the car. She was placed under arrest at the scene.

She was transported to South Shore Hospital. No other drivers were injured. The car, truck and police car that were struck received minor damage and did not need to be towed. The incident remains under investigation. A list of the charges are not yet available.

Because the incident initiated from a mental health situation, we will not be releasing the driver's name. She is 49 years old from Kingston, MA.

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