



Secaucus Police Department

1203 Paterson Plank Rd, Secaucus, NJ 07094

Phone: 201-330-2060 Fax: 201-330-2064 Mun. Code: 0909

Incident Report



Incident Details:									
Case Number	Time Reported	Date Reported	Time Occurred	Date Occurred	Occurrence Between Date / Time of	Time Occurred	Date Occurred	911	Completed
24-058316	03:36	12/22/24	03:36	12/22/24				X	X

Incident Type:	Incident Location:
Driving While Intoxicated 39:4-50 MV Crash MV Impound	Street # Street Name Apt # Intersection / Cross Street of: 281 Hagan Pl Hagan Pl / Schopmann Dr Business / Common Location Name

Contact Information:	Victim	Suspect	Complainant	Witness	Driver	Arrest	Passenger	Missing	Involved	Other
Code	Contact Name #1	MI Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN			
R	Mehta, Yatin	A	60	M	4B					
Address					Email Address /		Other Phone			
281 Hagan Pl, Secaucus, NJ 07094										
Code	Contact Name #2	MI Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN			
A	Bedoya-Betancurt, Juan		50	M	1A					
Address					Email Address / Phone		Other Phone			
307 Paulanne Ter, Secaucus, NJ 07094										
Code	Contact Name #3	MI Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN			
Z2	Brescia, Joseph	W	64	M	1B					
Address					Email Address / Phone		Other Phone			
277 Hagan Pl, Secaucus, NJ 07094										
Code	Contact Name #4	MI Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN			
I	Bedoya-Nunez, Manuela		19	F	1A					
Address					Email Address / Phone		Other Phone			
307 Paulanne Ter Apt 1, Secaucus, NJ 07094										
Code	Contact Name #5	MI Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN			
Address					Email Address / Phone		Other Phone			
Code	Contact Name #6	MI Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN			
Address					Email Address /		Other Phone			
Code	Contact Name #7	MI Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN			
Address					Email Address / Phone		Other Phone			
Code	Contact Name #8	MI Suffix	Age	Sex	Race	DOB	SSN			
Address					Email Address / Phone		Other Phone			

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

Automobile Information:									
1	Vehicle Code	Year	Make	Body Type	Model	Color	Registration	State	VIN
	Veh. 1	2012	Nissan	WAGON	ROG	Whit	R98VEH	NJ	JN8AS5MV0CW417190
2	Veh. 2	2024	Chevy	Wgn.	Traverse	Blu	V86UVU	NJ	1GNERGKS7RJ198853
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OPERATION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE:

On Sunday, 12/22/22, at 0336 hours, while assigned to patrol zone three in car 24, I was dispatched to the area of Hagan Place on a reported motor vehicle crash. Upon arrival, I observed a white Nissan (heavy driver-side front end damage) bearing NJ Reg: R98VEH, slow roll to a complete stop just after 281 Hagan Place, facing westbound. I also observed a Chevy Traverse bearing NJ Reg: V86UVU parked partially in the driveway of 281 Hagan Place, with heavy front end damage. Upon positioning my patrol vehicle behind the white Nissan, I activated my emergency overhead lights and audible siren. I then exited my patrol vehicle at which time I observed the owner/driver of the white Nissan, Mr. Juan Bedoya-Betancurt, exit his vehicle from the driver side.

WHEN STOPPED:

Upon initially speaking with Juan, he stated that his vehicle slid on the ice on the roadway which then caused his vehicle to strike the Chevy Traverse (See MVA Report). Immediately upon speaking with Juan, I detected a strong odor of alcoholic beverage emanating from his breath. I also observed Juan's movements to be slow and deliberate. He swayed when standing still and staggered when taking steps. Based on these observations, I placed his back up against the driver-side of his vehicle, for stabilization. Based on the aforementioned observations, I suspected Juan to be under the influence of alcohol.

A short while later, PO O. Gonzalez, PO Pardo, PO Boyko and PO Santana arrived on scene to assist with a further investigation.

Due to a language barrier, I requested PO O. Gonzalez assist me with conducting Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, specifically by providing the vernacular and explaining the Standard Field Sobriety Tests to Juan, in Spanish. PO O. Gonzalez advised Juan that he would perform Standardized Field Sobriety Tests to ensure he was safe to drive. Juan agreed to perform all the Standard Field Sobriety Test that was required of him.

Juan was then directed to the street (clear of any debris) in front of all police vehicles so I could conduct the Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST). Juan's back was facing East and all front overhead lights of all the patrol vehicles on scene were deactivated to avoid Optokinetic Nystagmus. PO O. Gonzalez asked if he was injured, had any medical disorders, or physical impairments of any kind that would prevent him from performing any test to which he stated "No".

STANDARDIZED FIELD SOBRIETY TEST:

PO O. Gonzalez provided Juan with the instructions to the HGN test, in Spanish. I then conducted a Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus Test (HGN) on him. I positioned the stimulus, in this case my pen, approximately 12" away from his eyes and instructed him to follow the stimulus with his eyes only and not to move his head. Juan stated that he understood. I first conducted a medical assessment for Equal Pupil Size, Resting Nystagmus, and Equal Tracking. He did not display any signs of any medical disorders or injuries. I conducted the rest of the HGN Test and Juan displayed a Lack of Smooth Pursuit (both eyes),

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Distinct and Sustained Nystagmus at Maximum Deviation (both eyes), and Onset of Nystagmus Prior to 45 degrees (both eyes). Vertical Nystagmus not conducted.

Next, I conducted the Walk and Turn Test (WAT). The test was conducted on a flat, hard, dry, surface that was free of any debris. PO O. Gonzalez instructed Juan to place his right foot in front of his left foot in a heel-to-toe fashion with his arms at his side and wait in that position while I demonstrated the WAT. Once Juan began the test, he did not touch heel to toe multiple times, stepped off the line, lost his balance, and took too many steps.

Lastly, I conducted the One Leg Stand (OLS). PO O. Gonzalez advised Juan to stand with his feet together with his arms down at his sides and not to start until he was told to do so. PO O. Gonzalez explained to him to pick one leg of his choosing and lift it approximately 6 inches off the ground keeping his toes pointing forward (parallel) to the floor and arms at his side at all times and watch your raised foot. He advised him to keep his foot straight and count out loud, one thousand one, one thousand two, one thousand three and so on until he was told to stop. I then demonstrated the test and he advised he understood. During the test, Juan placed his elevated foot on the ground and he miscounted several times.

After all testing was completed, Juan was placed under arrest for suspicion of Operating Under the Influence of Liquor or Drugs (39:4-50). He was handcuffed (double-locked), searched incident to the arrest (negative findings) by myself, and placed into the rear of Car 24 for transport to Headquarters. Car #24 checked negative for any contraband prior to and post transport. The suspect vehicle was searched for intoxicants which yielded negative results. Tumino's Towing responded and impounded the listed vehicle as per John's Law.

Mr. Bedoya-Betancurt was checked by SPD Headquarters for any wants/warrants in NCIC/ATS/ACS/Juvenile Registry/DVCR with negative results.

ENROUTE TO HEADQUARTERS:

During transport, Juan was calm and polite. At this time, I smelled a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the back seat of my patrol vehicle, which was not present prior.

AT HEADQUARTERS:

Once at Headquarters, Juan was escorted to the processing room where his Lawsoft arrest photos were taken. The 20-minute observation was conducted from 0420 hours to 0440 hours. During the observation, Juan did not have anything in his mouth cavity or did not burp, regurgitate, or consume any liquids or foods. PO O. Gonzalez then read Juan the Standard Statement Form Motor Vehicle Operators (N.J.S.A. 39:4-50.2 (e)) in Spanish, to which he answered "YES", to submitting breath samples. Two successful breath samples were administered with a result of 0.19. The calculations were recorded into NCIC and the returned reading was within the tolerance level.

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Juan was then escorted to the squad room and secured to the prisoner bench while awaiting the arrival of a family member or friend to take custody of him. PO O. Gonzalez then read him his Miranda Rights (In Spanish) prior to conducting the DWI Questionnaire and filling out the required DWI documents. While speaking with PO O. Gonzalez, Juan stated that he was at Plank Road Inn (1538 Paterson Plank Road) from 12/21/2024, at 2230 hours till approximately 0215 hours on 12/22/2024. He further stated that he had approximately seven to eight shots of Johnny Walker, while at the Plank Road Inn.

A short while later, Juan's daughter, Ms. Manuela Bedoya-Nunez, arrived at Headquarters to take custody of Juan. A Potential Liability Warning Form was completed and signed by Ms. Bedoya-Nunez. Juan and Manuela left this Agency without further incident. Juan was provided all proper documentation and advised of his upcoming court date on January 29th, 2025, at 0930 hours. Juan was provided a copy of the Alcotest results and the DWI questionnaire.

5) TRAFFIC OFFENSES:

Mr. Bedoya-Betancurt was issued the following Summonses with a return date to Secaucus Municipal Court on 01/29/2025 at 0930 hours.

0909-E24-014333 in violation of 39:4-50 (Driving While Intoxicated)
0909-E24-014334 in violation of 39:4-96 (Reckless Driving)
0909-E24-014335 in violation of 39:4-97 (Careless Driving)
0909-E24-014337 in violation of 39: 3-29C (Failure to Exhibit Insurance)
0909-E24-014348 in violation of 39:4-82 (Failure to Keep Right)

BWC footage marked as Evidence.

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