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**PRESS RELEASE**

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Case Number: 14ES02288

Narrative: On the evening of Thursday, April 24, 2014 witnesses reported a possible intoxicated driver on Pearl Street. Witnesses mentioned the vehicle had driven across the median, hitting a large safety barrel in the process. Essex Police responded to the area of 142 Pearl Street where the vehicle had come to a stop. After a police investigation the driver of the vehicle, Derek J. Hathaway, 37, of Essex, was arrested on suspicion of DUI. He was processed and released on citation to appear in Superior Court at a later date. Hathaway's blood alcohol level was almost three times the legal limit.

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