

Massachusetts man arrested for 6th OUI, resisting arrest after fleeing crash

Shortly after 11 p.m. on Sunday Trooper Tara Poor was dispatched to reports of a road rage incident on Route 95 southbound in the area of Exit 54 in Reading. It was reported that the vehicle, an Acura sedan, was being operated erratically traveling southbound behind a group of plow trucks actively clearing the roadway after Sunday's snow storm. The Acura crashed into another vehicle multiple times then fled the scene after the plow trucks exited at Exit 53. Trooper Poor located the Acura traveling approximately 85 miles per hour as she approached Exit 50. She then observed the Acura to crash into the center median guardrail and come to rest in a snowbank. Trooper Poor approached the Acura and confirmed the operator, identified as DAVID PECK, 57, of York, Maine, was uninjured. While doing so she observed numerous signs of impairment suspected to be caused by alcohol intoxication. Several other cruisers then arrived on scene to assist.

Troopers suspected PECK was too intoxicated to operate his vehicle and asked him to step out, however, he restarted the ignition and attempted to leave the scene. Troopers were able to turn the ignition off and take control of PECK, escorting him out of the driver's seat. After removing him from the vehicle PECK continued to physically resist. Due to the extremely unsafe road conditions, combined with other vehicle traffic passing by while in the left travel lane of Route 95, Troopers cooperated and were able to place PECK in custody and in the rear of a cruiser. Troopers learned on scene that PECK's driver's license was suspended due to multiple prior charges of Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol. After an inventory of his vehicle Troopers located open containers of alcohol in the passenger compartment.

He was eventually transported to State Police-Newbury for booking. A bail commissioner was contacted and set bail at \$2,000. He was scheduled for arraignment at Salem District Court on the following charges:

- OUI – Liquor, 6th Offense;
- Resisting Arrest;
- Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Crash;
- Reckless Operation of a Motor Vehicle;
- Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License;
- Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle;
- Marked Lanes Violation; and
- Speeding