

# Massachusetts woman charged with third OUI after driving on highway without tire

At around 12:10 a.m. on Wednesday December 6th Trooper Burt Fahy was working a construction detail on Route 91 northbound in the City of Springfield. The highway was shut down with traffic being diverted off the highway on to East Columbus Ave.

Trooper Fahy observed a white van passing his location honking its horn at him. This alerted him to a deep grinding sound in the distance like a snow plow on pavement. After approximately 15 seconds of this sound increasing he observed a sedan in the right lane traveling around 10 MPH with a line of 15-20 vehicles behind it. The sedan had no front driver's side tire and was instead driving on the rim, creating the loud grinding sound.

Trooper Fahy activated his emergency light and stopped the vehicle. He observed the vehicle had damage to the driver's side and the passenger side. He also found an orange traffic cone wedged underneath the front passenger side.



Trooper Sarah Keefe arrived as back up and gave field sobriety tests to the 32-year-old female operator who was from Agawam. The operator was arrested and transported to the Springfield Barracks. Inside the vehicle Clonazepam pills were located.

Bail was set at \$540. The driver was charged with OUI liquor 3rd offense, negligent operation of a MV, marked lanes, leaving the scene of property damage and possession of class C.