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### **Press Release**

On January 15, 2020 at approximately 6:32 pm the Guilford Police Department investigated a three-car accident on Route 1 westbound, just west of Long Hill Road. Two Guilford Police vehicles were stopped (unoccupied) along the right shoulder with their emergency lights flashing, while the officers were assisting a disabled motorist stopped ahead. The third vehicle, a Toyota RAV4, traveling westbound on Route 1, and being operated by Mary Kwasniewski, age 37, of Branford, failed to move over and struck the rear of one of the police vehicles. The impact forced this police vehicle into the rear of the second police vehicle. Kwasniewski was transported to Yale New Haven Hospital for evaluation. No police officers were injured. One police vehicle and the Toyota were towed from the scene.

On scene investigation determined that Kwasniewski was intoxicated. She was charged with Driving Under the Influence, Failure to Move Over When Approaching an Emergency Vehicle, and Failure to Carry Registration and Insurance. She was released on a \$500 non-surety bond with a court date of January 27, 2020, at New Haven Superior Court.

The Guilford Police Department is thankful that no one was seriously injured in this accident and would like to take this opportunity to remind all drivers to the dangers of driving while intoxicated and to slow down and move over when approaching a police, fire or other emergency vehicle stopped on the roadway.

