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Wallingford Police Seize Crack Cocaine on Motor Vehicle Stop

On March 15, 2019 at approximately 1:20 PM, Officer Evans of the Wallingford Police Department Traffic Division conducted a motor vehicle stop on Hall Avenue. Officer Evans conducted the motor vehicle stop when he saw that the involved vehicle, a white colored 2018 Nissan Altima sedan later determined to be operated by Skinner, was having an exchange with another motorist. After querying the registration markers of both vehicles through DMV Files, it was learned that the marker affixed to the Altima was registered to a different vehicle, prompting the motor vehicle stop. When speaking with Skinner at roadside Officer Evans smelled the odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle, which in turn led to a search of the vehicle and its occupants by Offices Evans, Knowlton and Lt. DeMaio. Pursuant to that search, the following contraband was discovered within the vehicle or upon Skinner's person; (23) twenty-three mini zip-lock baggies containing approximately 4.0 grams Crack Cocaine packaged for sale, approximately 4.3 grams of Marijuana, and packaging material consisting of approximately 75 new/empty mini zip-lock baggies. The accused/operator was identified as Heather Skinner, age 39, currently of Hamden CT. She was placed in to custody and transported to Wallingford Police Headquarters where she was processed without incident.



Skinner was released after posting a \$2,500.00 Surety Bond and is due in court at G.A. 7 Meriden on March 26, 2019. She was charged with:

- Illegal Possession of a Narcotics With Intent to Sell
- Illegal Possession of a Narcotics
- Possession of Marijuana (less than ½ ounce)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Operating a Motor Vehicle With a Suspended License
- Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Insurance
- Misuse of Marker Plates
- Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle