

Elderly Hoquiam Woman Faces DUI Charges

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HOQUIAM, Wash. - A 66 year old Hoquiam woman faces DUI charges after she apparently accelerated into a parked car and a tree on Sumner avenue While under the influence of prescription medication. Hoquiam Police Chief Jeff Myers tells us it appears the woman was accelerating until the full size Nissan truck struck the tree. Myers reminds drivers "Although you may have a prescription for medication, if it interferes with your driving it's still a criminal offense."The woman was arrested at the scene for DUI, transported to Community Hospital with non-life threatening injuries, and released pending a toxicology report.



Myers said a nearby witness who was standing at a transit bus stop advised investigating officers he had witnessed the truck suddenly accelerate before side-swiping the unoccupied parked car before careening off the street into the tree. Apparently the driver was accelerating the entire time.

Other witnesses advised they had observed the truck speeding and weaving from lane to lane along Sumner Avenue in Aberdeen prior to the collision in Hoquiam. The truck apparently narrowly missed striking several parked vehicles along the way. The 66-year old Hoquiam woman driving the truck was the only occupant. She was treated at the scene by Hoquiam paramedics; she sustained what appeared to be minor injuries from the collision. The driver was arrested at the scene for driving under the influence of prescription medication. She consented to a blood test and was released pending further investigation before being transported by Hoquiam ambulance to Community

Hospital. The blood samples will be sent to the State Toxicology Laboratory for testing pending charges into Hoquiam Municipal Court. Both the truck and parked vehicle had to be towed from the scene. The chainlink fence in the front yard adjacent to the tree was also destroyed in the collision. “Motorists should be reminded the use of prescription medication is no defense to driving under the influence if the medication causes impairment or intoxication while driving.”