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Middletown Police Department*



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**Press Release – Vehicle in CT River**

On May 16, 2022 at approximately 17:23 hours Middletown Police officers responded to the Harbor Drive area in response to reports of a female driving a vehicle into the river at the south end of Harbor Park.

Upon officer's arrival, they observed the vehicle partially submerged with a female attempting to kick out the front windshield. Upon climbing out of the vehicle, the female climbed onto the roof of the vehicle and was instructed to swim towards the Public Safety docks where she climbed to safety. The female suffered minor injuries as a result of kicking out the windshield, she was later transported to Middlesex Hospital.

Officers have determined that the actions of the driver were intentional. The operator had previously been driving extremely erratically, eastbound on Route 66, just prior to this incident.

DEEP has been notified of the matter.

The Middletown Police Dive Team is presently coordinating a dive operation in order to remove the vehicle from the water.

The investigation into this incident is ongoing at this time; anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Middletown Police Department at 860-638-4000.

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