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## **DWI driver who fled after crashing into police car indicted**

A Center Moriches man arrested for DWI and other charges after colliding with a marked police car on Sunrise Highway early on the morning of January 9 will be arraigned on an indictment tomorrow, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

At approximately 4:00 am, a Seventh Precinct patrol officer was assisting a disabled motorist whose vehicle was on fire when Carlos Morocho rear-ended the police car and fled on foot. The officer was airlifted to Stony Brook University Hospital where he was treated and released for non-life-threatening injuries and the defendant was tracked down by a police K-9.

Morocho, 27, of 7 Robinson Street, admitted to drinking in a Speonk bar and detectives recovered a bar receipt for four "buckets" of six beers each, and also recovered a six pack of empty beer bottles from the van he was driving. "The defendant initially gave a different name, and provided a New York State ID card in that name to police, before he eventually admitted it was a false ID and that he crashed into the squad car," District Attorney Spota said.

Vehicular Crime Unit detectives charged Morocho with Leaving the Scene, Driving While Intoxicated, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, False Personation and other charges.

State Supreme Court Justice Fernando Camacho will unseal the indictment tomorrow (Thursday, Feb. 4) in Central Islip. The court calendar will be called at 9:30 am.



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