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Jason Kidd to attend court conference tomorrow in Hampton Bays

Brooklyn Nets Coach Jason Kidd, charged with driving while intoxicated one year ago today, will appear in Southampton Town Justice Court tomorrow (Tuesday, July 16, 2013), Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

Mr. Kidd was arrested by Southampton Town police around 2:00 am on July 15, 2012 and charged with misdemeanor drunk driving by the arresting officer who observed the defendant's "breath and person smelled strongly of an alcoholic beverage, he had slurred speech, (was) very unsteady afoot and had bloodshot, watery and glassy eyes."

"Mr. Kidd declined to take a breathalyzer test or a blood test and was charged by police with Driving While Intoxicated 1192.3, an unclassified misdemeanor that alleges the driver displayed characteristics or indicia of being drunk," said DA Spota.

Police found the defendant's 2010 Cadillac Escalade in a wooded area near the intersection of Cobb and Little Cobb Road in Watermill. The vehicle left the roadway after snapping a utility pole off at the base and traveling 25 feet into the woods, hitting several trees. The defendant was behind the wheel when police arrived after receiving a 911 call approximately five minutes after the accident. Kidd told the police he was headed home after having a few drinks at a club.

He was treated for a cut on his head and right hand at Southampton Hospital and arraigned later the same day on the DWI charge.

District Attorney Spota said tomorrow's court conference will start at approximately 11:00 am before Southampton Town Justice Andrea Schiavoni (Shee-uh-vonee (vonee as in pony)).

MEDIA NOTES:

There are three courtrooms in Southampton Town Criminal Justice Court at 32 Jackson Avenue in Hampton Bays. One of the courtrooms will be set aside for the Kidd court conference. All of the courtrooms are small.

The court conference will begin at approximately 11:00 am.

Directions to Southampton Town Criminal Justice Court at 32 Jackson Avenue Hampton Bays:

Take Exit 71 off the LIE, turn right onto Hwy 24, proceed past the county jail to the traffic circle (a Shell gas station is on your right as you enter the circle, drive half way around circle and stay on Hwy 24, also known as Flanders Road to continue east (you'll pass a McDonalds restaurant on your left). Drive approximately seven miles to a stoplight at Hwy 24 and Old Riverhead Road – turn left onto Old Riverhead Road. Turn left again (approximately 400 feet) onto Jackson Avenue.

The Town Justice court phone number is 702-2996 ext. 3.

District Attorney Spota will attend the court conference and SCDA Communications will set up a microphone tree outside the courthouse.



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