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MEDIA RELEASE

September 7, 2024

Charges:

Operating a vehicle impaired by drugs	1 Count	Misdemeanor
Leaving the scene of a property damage accident	1 Count	Traffic Infraction
Failure to use designated lane	1 Count	Traffic Infraction

Arrested:

CAFARARO, Jennifer S (47)
Mechanicville

On September 7, 2024, at approximately 3:15 a.m., officers from the Mechanicville Police Department responded to a report of a hit-and-run traffic accident in the area of 95 N Main Street. While responding, officers located the suspect vehicle heavily damaged on the sidewalk in the area of Hill St and N Main St.

Officers determined that the operator, identified as **Jennifer S Cafararo**, struck a vehicle in front of 95 N Main St and then the building itself, rupturing the building's natural gas line. Cafararo then continued south on N Main St, striking an additional three vehicles before stopping on the sidewalk near the intersection of N Main and Hill St.

Cafararo exhibited signs of intoxication, leading officers to conduct field sobriety testing. **Cafararo** was subsequently arrested for driving while impaired by drugs and leaving the scene of a property damage auto accident, among other charges. **Cafararo** was processed at police headquarters and released on an appearance ticket pending further court action.

No injuries have been reported at this time. The Mechanicville Fire Department and NYSEG responded promptly to secure the ruptured gas line and assess for any structural damage to the affected building.

The Mechanicville Police Department recognizes that persons arrested for crimes are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. People reviewing these arrests should understand that an arrest is often the first step of many in the criminal justice process.

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