

## **UPDATE: Car accident closed Newtown Turnpike**

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Weston police closed Newtown Turnpike (Route 53) between Valley Forge Road in Weston and the Redding town line for about an hour and a half due to a one-car motor vehicle accident on Monday, Jan. 9.

Weston Police Sgt. Patrick Daubert said he was responding to another call in the Weston/Redding area around 4:40 p.m. when he came across a 2004 Dodge Durango that had crashed on the side of the road on Newtown Turnpike.

Redding police handled the original call in Redding, Sgt. Daubert said, so he could respond to the car crash. He said gasoline was pouring out of the Durango so the Weston Volunteer Fire Department and EMS were called in to assist.

According to police, the driver of the Durango, Marc Aitoro, 22, of Easton, said a deer ran in front of him as he was turning a corner on the road, causing him to swerve and crash.

Police say Mr. Aitoro complained of neck and shoulder pain and was transported to Norwalk Hospital. The vehicle was towed from the scene and the matter is under investigation.