



# Police Department

## TOWN OF HYDE PARK

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**TO: Press Sources**

**DATE OF ARREST: June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**INCIDENT: Man Arrested after leaving the scene of an Auto Accident**

On June 26<sup>th</sup> at approximately 2:38 pm, the Village of Rhinebeck Police Department responded to Route 9 and South St for a reported 3 car motor vehicle accident with injury. The responding Officer was advised upon arrival that one of the vehicles had fled southbound on State Route 9. V/Rhinebeck immediately put out a call over Dutchess County 911 to be on the lookout for (BOLO) for the vehicle that fled the scene. At approximately 2:41 pm a vehicle matching that description was located traveling East on East Market St and was stopped. The operator was identified as John D Covello a 46 year old male from Lake Katrine NY. He was interviewed and it was determined that he was in fact the operator of the vehicle involved in the auto accident in the Village of Rhinebeck. He was then found to be under the influence of drugs and Alcohol and was found in possession of Heroin. There was no life threatening injuries in the accident in Rhinebeck.

Covello was arrested and charged with multiple charges by both the Village of Rhinebeck, and the Town of Hyde Park Police Department. He was transported to the Hyde Park Police Department and processed and released on an appearance ticket to appear in the Hyde Park Justice Court on July 22, 2014 at 5:00pm.

**Arrested:** John D Covello a 46 year old male from Lake Katrine NY

**Village of Rhinebeck Charges:** Leaving the Scene of a Personal Injury Auto Accident  
Misdemeanor  
Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Degree a Unclassified Misdemeanor  
Following to Closely a Violation

**Charged by the Hyde Park Police Department:**  
Driving While Under the Influence of a combination of Drugs  
and Alcohol a Misdemeanor  
Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7<sup>th</sup> Degree  
a Class A Misdemeanor  
Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Degree a Unclassified Misdemeanor  
Consumption of an Alcoholic Beverage in a Motor Vehicle a  
Violation

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