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Officer solves DUI case using DNA

FORT PIERCE – Officer Scott Ceckanowicz's suspicion seven months ago turned out to be right. Now, he has the DNA to proven.

Officer Ceckanowicz arrested Maria Guadalupe Guerrero, 26(08/04/1983), of 216 Gardenia Avenue, on Sunday, March 7, 2010 after receiving DNA testing results confirming she was the driver of the Ford Taurus involved in a traffic crash that caused bodily injury and property damage.

Guerrero faces multiple charges, including reckless driving, 2 counts of DUI, DWLS w/ knowledge, and two counts of giving false information to police. She was also on probation at the time and was subsequently charged with violation of probation as a result of the charges stemming from the traffic crash, Officer Ceckanowicz said.

On Sunday, August 2, 2009, Officer Ceckanowicz responded to a traffic crash at South 18th Street and Delaware Avenue. The vehicle, driven by Guerrero had swerved out of control and struck a pedestrian before crashing into a palm tree near the intersection of South 18th Street and Delaware Avenue, he said.

Officer Ceckanowicz said Guerrero's B.A.C. was a .204 at the time of the crash. Though Guerrero told officers that she was not the driver of the vehicle, Officer Ceckanowicz was skeptical, because of the physical evidence and the minor injuries Guerrero sustained during the crash.

Officer Ceckanowicz submitted for comparison samples of the blood stains collected from the vehicle's air bags to Guerrero's blood that was gotten with her permission the night of the crash.



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