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MEDIA RELEASE

South Kingstown Police Arrest Three for Impaired Driving on Friday Night

On Friday, December 5, 2025, the South Kingstown Police Department made three separate arrests for impaired driving. Each arrest stemmed from dangerous driving behaviors observed by officers during targeted DUI enforcement efforts.

At approximately 3:40 pm officers stopped **Catherine A. Burgess, 62, of 15 Harrison Farm, Newport** after observing her vehicle operating on a flat tire and striking a curb. She appeared confused and unsteady and failed a series of field sobriety tests. A search incident to arrest revealed multiple open containers of alcohol, including three bottles of Tito's Vodka—two located in the center console (one empty, one half full) and a third half-full bottle in her purse. Burgess was charged with DUI of Liquor—BAC Unknown, 1st Offense and Refusal to Submit to a Chemical Test.

At approximately 7:30 pm officers stopped **Dorothy M. Manning, 58, of 322 High Street, South Kingstown** after observing her vehicle being operated at night without any lights activated. She displayed clear signs of impairment—including bloodshot eyes, mumbled speech, poor balance, and a strong odor of alcohol—and subsequently failed a series of field sobriety tests. A search of her vehicle uncovered nine bottles of wine, one of which was open and partially consumed. Manning was charged with DUI of Liquor—BAC Unknown, 1st Offense and Refusal to Submit to a Chemical Test.

At approximately 9:40 pm officers stopped **Michael A. Garofano, 60, of 1998 Kingstown Road, South Kingstown** after observing his vehicle repeatedly cross the double yellow line on High Street and fail to immediately stop despite activated lights and sirens. He exhibited multiple indicators of impairment, failed field sobriety tests, and refused both preliminary and chemical testing. Garofano was charged with DUI of Liquor—BAC Unknown, 1st Offense and Refusal to Submit to a Chemical Test.

“Our officers continue to demonstrate exceptional vigilance and professionalism in keeping impaired drivers off our roads,” said Matthew C. Moynihan, Chief of Police for South Kingstown. “I’m grateful that our officers removed these dangerous drivers from our roadways before someone was tragically injured. Their proactive enforcement efforts directly contribute to the safety of our community, and I’m proud of the work they do every day.”

All three individuals were arraigned at the South Kingstown Police Department and are scheduled to next appear in Washington County District Court on December 11, 2025.

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