



News Release – Commercial MV Accident 02/17/2026

Summary:

On 02/17/2026 at approximately 9:03 AM, a single vehicle collision occurred in the area of 3114 Albany Avenue. A box truck traveling east on Albany Avenue struck the south side guard rail, then went off the roadway, making contact with a utility pole and coming to rest on a rocky ridge covered in snow along the roadside.

Details:

The operator suffered minor injuries but was determined to be under the influence of drugs and alcohol. Operator was arrested and eastbound lanes on Avon Mountain were shut down for multiple hours during clean up. Inspectors from the CT Department of Motor Vehicles responded due to the commercial vehicle involved. A 2020 Hino box truck (CT Commercial Reg: BJ25899) sustained disabling damage. Central Auto responded with heavy wrecker and rotator truck to remove from scene.

Arrestee: Koby Champagne-Lambert (07/13/2000) charged with Operating Under the Influence and Failure to Drive in Proper Lane. Champagne-Lambert was found to have a BAC of .12. Champagne-Lambert was released on a \$5,000 non-surety bond and is scheduled to appear in Hartford Superior Court on February 26th, 2026.



Koby Champagne-Lambert (07/13/2000)



Anyone with information related to this investigation is asked to please contact the West Hartford Police Department at (860) 523-5203, or use the anonymous WHPD Tip Line/email at (860) 570-8969 / whpdtips@westhartfordct.gov.

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