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Press Release Update

Subject: DUI Arrest

Date: 2-28-2022

On 2/24/2022 at approximately 2:40 PM, the Sitka Police Department received a REDDI report about a school bus traveling outbound on Edgcumbe Drive swerving in the roadway, striking a parked vehicle and street sign.

Police Officers responded to the area and located the school bus on Edgcumbe Drive near Kostrometinoff Street. The bus was observed traveling on the opposite side of the roadway on the sidewalk and continued to travel on Edgcumbe Drive in the wrong lane nearly striking a marked police vehicle. The Police Office activated the emergency lights and siren to initiate a stop. The bus continued inbound on Edgcumbe Drive, driving onto several sidewalks and curbs. The bus eventually came to a complete stop on a sidewalk.

The bus was occupied by 21 elementary students. No injuries were reported.

Kristi M Coltharp, 61 years old, was charged with one count of Driving Under the Influence and one count of Endangering the Welfare of a Child in the First Degree.



All factual allegations contained in this release are based upon preliminary investigation and are subject to change or clarification as the investigation continues. Any charges reported in the release are merely accusations and all persons named in this release are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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