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Coach Accused of Drunken Driving Pleads to Reduced Charge

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A Staples High School lacrosse coach arrested by Westport police on drunken driving charges pleaded guilty Tuesday in Norwalk Superior Court to reduced charges of two motor vehicle infractions, The Hour reported today.

It said Scott Smith, 24, paid \$327 in penalties and court fees and will also enroll in alcohol education classes.

The Wilton resident, head coach of varsity lacrosse, was arrested May 12 and sources later told The Hour he went on a "profanity-laced tirade" at police headquarters.

His attorney, John Thygerson, told the court that his client was so embarrassed about how he acted that the next day he sent a letter of apology and a fruit basket to the Westport police department, the newspaper said.

The attorney said there was no indication that Smith will be fired or asked to leave the lacrosse team, but he had not heard anything one way or another, The Hour said. It said Schools Superintendent Elliott Landon did not return a call seeking comment.

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