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Sergeant charged in chase, assault

A high-ranking Newark police sergeant has been charged with assaulting police officers in Rahway, drunken driving and eluding police.

Sgt. Irving Bradley, 41, who heads the department's unit of professional standards, was spotted just after midnight Saturday morning slumped behind the wheel of a car with the engine running on Winfield Street, Rahway, the Union County Prosecutor's Office said.

After investigating officers told Bradley to stay in his car, he sped off, swerving down the center of the road, coming to a stop near his home on Paterson Street, Newark, authorities said. Bradley was arrested after a foot chase during which he kicked the officers who attempted to arrest him, authorities added.

Bradley also refused to take a blood-alcohol test, according to the prosecutor's office. He was issued a summons and released. Attorney Vincent Scoca said Bradley would plead not guilty.

The Newark Police Department declined to answer questions about his job status.