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PRESS RELEASES

On 2/24/2022 at about 2:40 p.m., 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 driver of the school bus was contacted and upon completion of field sobriety tests was placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence and Reckless Endangerment both of which are misdemeanor offenses. The school bus driver was processed at the police department and provided a breath sample of .170 breath alcohol concentration.

The 61 years old female from Sitka was released per the bail schedule to a sober adult with an order to appear in court on March 1, 2022 at 1:30 P.M.

The bus was occupied by 21 elementary students. No injuries were reported. The investigation is ongoing and additional criminal charges will be referred to the Sitka District Attorney's Office.