

## Irvington Driver with High Blood Alcohol Level

Newark &ndash; A driver with a blood alcohol level nearly four times the legal limit for operating a vehicle added a bit of thunder to Sunday&rsquo;s rain and wind when he crashed his car into Essex County&rsquo;s Historic Courthouse.

Sheriff Armando Fontoura stated that Christoper Jenkins, age 43, of Irvington was found asleep behind the wheel of his beige 2003 Hyundai Santa Fe after he lost control of his vehicle while traveling south on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in Newark shortly before 3:00 p.m. yesterday. Two open 24-ounce cans of beer were found beside Jenkins.

&ldquo;Apparently, Jenkins fell asleep, veered through the northbound lanes, jumped the curb and make a direct hit on the courthouse,&rdquo; Sheriff Fontoura observed. &ldquo;With a blood alcohol level of 3.1 it is amazing that Jenkins was actually coherent enough to put the key in the ignition.&rdquo;

Jenkins who was uninjured in the crash was issued summonses for driving while intoxicated, driving with a suspended driver&rsquo;s license and possession of an open container of alcohol in a vehicle.

Jenkins was also found to be the subject of an open warrant issued by the Newark municipal court. Jenkins was lodged in the county jail, pending an appearance in municipal court.