



# BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## Felony DUI Charges

51-year-old Michelle Pearson of Bluffton turned herself into Bluffton Detectives this morning. A warrant was issued by police for her arrest on four (4) counts of Felony Driving Under the Influence.

On March 12, 2019 at around 10:15 p.m. Bluffton police arrived at a 3-vehicle collision that happened at the intersection of Highway 278 and Buck Island Road. Pearson was in the westbound lanes of Highway 278 when she was turning onto Buck Island Road. As she turned, a vehicle traveling eastbound on Highway 278 ran into her, and a third vehicle, also traveling in the eastbound lanes of Highway 278, ran into the back of that vehicle.

The investigation shows Pearson turned into oncoming traffic causing the collision.

Pearson was arrested the night of the collision for Driving Under the Influence. The charges were upgraded to Felony DUI due to the extent of injuries the four people received as a result of the collision.

She will appear before a judge on the felony charges Tuesday morning, March 19, 2019. At that time the judge will determine if Pearson is awarded bond, or if she will remain behind bars.

