



# ***NEWS RELEASE***

**MICHIGAN STATE POLICE**

## **Trooper Nearly Struck by Driverless Car**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Date: November 20, 2023**

**OTSEGO COUNTY, MI.** On Saturday, November 18, 2023, at approximately 6:00 p.m. a trooper from the Michigan State Police (MSP) Gaylord Post responded to a report of a blue Pontiac Grand Prix driving recklessly. The trooper turned northbound on Old 27 Highway and observed an unoccupied blue Pontiac Grand Prix narrowly miss his patrol vehicle and then continue to drive into the EZ Mart entrance and strike a parked car at the gas pump.

Prior to the crash, on the corner of Passenheim Rd and Old 27 Hwy, a witness stated the driver of the Pontiac, a 57-year-old woman from Grayling, told him someone had crashed into her car. The witness called 911. The woman became belligerent with the witness and attempted to drive away. The witness told the woman the police were on their way and at that time she got out of the vehicle, while it was still running and in drive. The woman began to walk away as the car drove off.

The trooper spoke with the woman and noticed she emitted a strong odor of intoxicants, had blood shot watery eyes, and had slurred speech. She had difficulty maintaining her balance, refused to listen to the trooper, and attempted to walk away. She was subsequently arrested for operating while intoxicated, and resisting and obstructing police.