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Alan Alt, 27, is charged with driving under the influence, hit and run and resisting an officer. (The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office / August 13, 2013)

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wrote in his report that Alt drifted repeatedly from the HOV lane into the median.

Alt was dirty, smelled like alcohol and had slurred speech and red, glassy eyes when the deputy spoke with him, according to the report.

He was also foaming at the mouth and throwing up, and had to be helped out of his vehicle. Alt pleaded with the deputy not to arrest him.

"I was in an accident today and did not stop," he said, according to the report.

He couldn’t say where the accident was, but said his "friend" would not press charges. Those statements earned Alt a hit-and-run charge, which is in addition to charges of driving under the influence and resisting an officer.

Alt, who the deputy described as anxious, apologetic and excited, also said, "I tried to hide my gun from you," according to the report. He then became "sleepy" in the back of the police cruiser.

Records show he has been arrested in Florida twice before. In 2008, Lauderhill police arrested him on a charge of driving under the influence. Last year, Alt was arrested by the North Miami Beach Police Department on charges of battery on an officer and selling marijuana.

He was released from the Palm Beach County Jail early Tuesday, without bail. He could not be reached for comment, despite a call.

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