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Cop ran over my foot, busted me for griping

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THIS NYPD COP gives flatfoots a bad name.

A Manhattan nurse says a real heel of a police officer accidentally drove his radio car over her foot, and then threw the book at her when she said she wanted to file a complaint.

Aisha Beckett, a registered nurse in the oncology department of New York-Presbyterian Hospital Columbia, says she was driving to work on Nov. 20 when she said she was pulled over by cops for making an improper left turn at W. 165th St. and Fort Wadsworth Ave. in Washington Heights.

She said she handed the cop her driver's license and waited inside her Honda while he returned to the cruiser. Nearly 20 minutes passed, and fearing that she was going to be late for work, Beckett says she got out of her car and approached the officer.

The cop allegedly lowered his window, handed her the ticket — and from there it got really weird, the nurse said. “He backed up and then put his car in drive and drove forward right on my foot,” Beckett, 26, told the Daily News.

“I said, ‘You’re on my foot,’” she continued. “He rolled down the window and said ‘Get out of the way,’ and I said, ‘I can’t — you’re on my foot!’”

She said the cop got out of the car, took a look and said he would have to call his supervisor.

A sergeant from the 33rd Precinct allegedly responded to the scene, and after the officers conferred, Beckett says she was told that she was under arrest.

“They handcuffed me and put me in the back seat of the patrol car that had rolled on my foot,” she said.

Inside the stationhouse, Beckett said the cop who gave her the summons and the sergeant made her an offer that she ultimately refused.

The cop called her “immature,” she said, and suggested that she could go home with simply a summons for the traffic violation if she withdrew her allegation and stated that he didn’t run over her foot.

The sergeant explained further that if she insisted on seeking medical attention, she would have to be arrested because “I have to protect my officers,” Beckett said.

But the nurse says she stuck to her story and was hit with additional charges for failure to comply, disorderly conduct and obstructing a motor vehicle. Medics were not called to the stationhouse to check her foot.

She made a beeline for the hospital emergency room where she had the right foot X-rayed. There was no fracture, but the next day an MRI test revealed ligament damage, her attorney, Scott Rynecki, said Monday.

“The officers going to these extremes to cover up a negligent action of one police officer should not be tolerated,” Rynecki said, vowing that he intends to find out if the cops prepared an accident report.

Beckett also called the Civilian Complaint Review Board and described the incident, prompting several phone calls from the NYPD Internal Affairs Bureau and visits to her home in Mount Vernon, Westchester County. She has been out sick since the alleged rollover and is walking with the aid of crutches.

She has refused to speak to the NYPD investigators without her lawyer. “I never had an issue with the police before,” she said. “I feel they’re just trying to cover up the incident from the get-go. I’m fearful after the way I was treated, and I don’t feel comfortable talking to them.”

An NYPD spokeswoman did not respond to a request for comment.



Nurse Aisha Beckett has been hobbled since a cruiser squashed her foot in a bizarre traffic stop and bust she says cops are trying to cover up.

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