## March 22, 2011 suspect linked to Tiger

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Details about an Orlando DUI arrest from last year are now getting a lot of attention because the once low-profile suspect - Alyse Lahti - was linked romantically to Tiger Woods this weekend.

Lahti's vehicle rear-ended a truck on Interstate 4 last year, causing it to roll.

Several tabloid media organizations report Lahti, 22, is dating golf superstar and former Orlando resident Tiger Woods, 35.

The story broke on RadarOnline.com early Sun-

The woman is identified on the police report as Alyse Lahti, but The Daily Mail and other media outlets are identifying her as Alyse Lahti Johnston.

Reports show her stepdad is Alastair Johnston, vice-chairman at IMG, the agency which has represented Woods.

The Daily Mail is also reporting she is a student at Northwood University in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Sources told RadarOnline she is apparently training for the LPGA Tour.

Her biological father is former major league pitcher Jeff Lahti, who pitched in the 1982 and 1985 World Series for the St. Louis Cardinals, according to The Daily Mail.

On the night of the accident, the woman told an Orlando police officer she had not slept for four days and had eaten only an apple two days prior to the Oct. 9 accident, reports show.

Lahti, a "home stager," said she drank two "tiny" glasses of wine six hours before the crash, the report states.

During a roadside test, an officer asked Lahti to rate her sobriety on a scale of zero to 10, with zero being sober and 10 being impaired.

Her response: "(Expletive) 10."

Later, Lahti's blood-alcohol concentration was measured at .21, nearly three-times the legal limit to drive, according to the arrest affidavit.

Police began investigating the accident around 1 a.m. Oct. 9 after receiving a call of an accident involving an overturned vehicle.

When officers arrived, Lahti was sitting in a 2006 black. four-door G35X Infiniti near the overturned pickup.

Lahti was barefoot during the roadside sobriety test and struggled to maintain her balance, the report states.

At one point, she told the officer, "I can't do it," and started to cry and stare off into the sky.

The officer called her name several times to get her attention, according to the arrest report.

The officer determined Lahti was drunk and took her to the Orange County Jail.

While driving to the jail, Lahti reportedly told the officer: "Can you tell (the) girl in the other car that I will pay for a new car for her and that I am sorry."

Lahti was arrested on a charge of DUI with property damage or personal injury.

The charge was later downgraded to reckless driving. She was also cited for improper lane change, a traffic infraction.