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On December 9, 2023, at 1:45 am, a Milford Police officer was alerted to the Stop & Shop parking lot located at 855 Bridgeport Avenue for a large gathering. The officer observed numerous vehicles and over 100 indivduals in the parking lot. The officer was immediately confronted by several indivduals. The officer was ultimately surrounded by a large crowd and assaulted from behind, resulting in him being injured.

The Milford Police Department Detective Bureau began an extensive investigation. Through the course of the investigation, Anthony Deems Jr., was identified as one of the individuals present at the street takeover and was present during the assault of the Milford Police officer. An arrest warrant was submitted and issued by Milford Superior Court for Deems.

On February 8, 2024, Anthony Deems Jr., 19, of 67 Nearwood Lane, Levittown, Pennsylvania, turned himself in to the Milford Police Department and was charged with Riot in the 1st Degree, Unlawful Assembly and Interfering with an Officer.

Deems Jr. also had an active PRAWN warrant from the West Haven Police Department for Failure to Appear in the 2nd Degree with a $5,000 court set bond. He posted bond and is to appear in Milford Superior Court for both cases on March 6, 2024.

The Milford Police Department would like to continue to recognize the collaboration with neighboring police departments and would also like to thank the public for their help throughout this investigation. This remains an on-going investigation and the Milford Police Department is actively pursuing leads for other suspects.

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