



## Press Release



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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 individuals in the parking lot. The officer was immediately confronted by several individuals. A male in a red puffer style jacket threw a shopping cart directly at the officer. As the officer attempted to take the male into custody, the individual ran and engaged the officer in a foot chase. The officer was able to catch up to the individual, and while he was attempting to take him into custody, the officer was surrounded by a large crowd. The officer was assaulted from behind, resulting in him being injured.

The Milford Police Department Detective Bureau began an extensive investigation. Through the course of the investigation, a juvenile suspect was developed as the male in the red puffer style jacket. An arrest warrant was submitted and it was issued by the New Britain Juvenile Court.

On January 22, 2024, the juvenile was taken into custody for the arrest warrant. He was charged with Criminal Attempt at Assault of a Public Safety Personnel, Interfering with a Police Officer, Riot in the First Degree, and Unlawful Assembly. He is being held at juvenile detention for a Take into Custody Order. He is a Connecticut resident, but his name and address are being withheld because of his age.

The Milford Police Department would like 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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