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## Cops: Man Violated Protective Order, Parents Obstructed Police

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When the parents of a <u>Devonshire Drive</u> man went to the police station on July 3 to discuss problems related to their 34-year-old son, police found the man was violating a protective order and decided to arrest him, according to police.

Police gave this account (containing accusations not proven in court) of the matter:

The parents realized that police were headed toward the house on Devonshire Drive, so they called their son and another person (on whose behalf the protective order had been issued) to warn them police were coming. When police realized what had happened, they charged each of the parents (63 and 61 years old) with interfering with a police investigation. They were issued summonses to appear in court.

The parents and the 34-year-old, told police that they thought the protective order was no longer in effect, but police found no records indicating that it had been removed (it was late afternoon or early evening when police left for the house, well past working hours, so it wasn't possible to check with court personnel to see if the records might have been wrong).

The man has an extensive criminal history including arrests on charges of threatening, breach of peace, larceny, interfering with an officer and assault on a public safety officer, along with previous charges of violating protective orders.

Police arrested him at the home without incident and held him on \$100,000 bond for a charge of violating an order of protection. He remained in jail all weekend, until an appearance Monday in state Superior Court in Stamford. His parents are scheduled to appear in court on July 13.

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Editor's note: In some cases of domestic violence, Darienite.com will publish the name of the persons arrested. In this case, there was no violence.

Under a state law that just went into effect on July 1, police may not mention either the victim's name or the relationship of the victim to a person arrested who violated the law with regard to that victim. The law goes so far as to forbid the name or relationship in arrest warrant applications, so that not even judges asked to sign them will be told, according to Darien police. In this case, police did not release the relationship between the arrested 34-year-old and the person for whom the protective order was issued.

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