

Police: Angry Man at Darien Train Station Yells, Swears, Breaks Taxi Window

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A 55-year-old man, unsteady on his feet, acted belligerent and yelled profanities in the south parking lot at Darien Railroad Station, according to police who came to the scene when a taxi driver reported that the man had broken the taxi's window.

Darien police described what happened with this account (including accusations not proven in court):

The taxi driver, backed up by another witness at the scene, told police at 5:27 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10 that the man walked up to the driver to ask if he was working.

The driver said the man could get in the back seat of the cab, but the man — later identified by police as Donald Cavett Jr. of Richardson, Texas — instead yelled an expletive and walked away.

Cavett walked back to the taxi in a way that seemed aggressive to the taxi driver, who then rolled up the windows to avoid a confrontation. Cavett then pulled on the rear passenger window, breaking it. Police were called.

When they arrived in the parking lot on the Dunkin Donuts side of the station, police saw Cavett standing in the lot with bloody hands and appearing to be unsteady on his feet. (Police did not mention any physical signs or give any indication that the man was intoxicated on alcohol or drugs.)

When police spoke with him, Cavett was belligerent and continuously yelled profanities at a time when the

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station was busy with commuters. A Darien EMS-Post 53 ambulance was called and the ambulance crew offered to treat the cuts on the man's hands, but he refused that, along with a ride to a hospital.

Cavett said he had broken the window because he was angry that the driver refused to give him a ride.

Police arrested Cavett on a charge of breach of peace and third-degree criminal mischief. He was later released after posting a \$2,500 surety bond. Cavett is scheduled to appear May 24 in state Superior Court in Stamford.