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Police: Man Who Said He Smoked PCP Arrested After Assaulting Two in Supermarket Parking Lot

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A 27-year-old employee at Whole Foods Market attacked two people in the parking lot of the supermarket on Dec. 8 and was acted irrationally, said Darien police, who arrested him Tuesday on a warrant.

In an announcement on Tuesday, police described what happened with this account, including accusations not proven in court:

Shortly before 2:45 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8, Derrick Gonzalez approached another employee of the supermarket in the parking lot at 150 Ledge Road.

The other employee, a 59-year-old Norwalk man, later told police that Gonzalez grabbed his jacket with one hand and his groin with the other, then forced him to the ground near a pile of rock salt. Gonzalez then

repeatedly slammed the man's head into the pile, the victim told police.

A 57-year-old Stamford woman had just parked her car in the lot and saw the two men struggling. She tried to stop Gonzalez by yelling at him to get off of the victim. Gonzalez then ran to her and attacked her.

She told police that he knocked her to the ground, kicked her in the head, dragged her, jumped on her, pulled her hair and began repeatedly slamming her head into the pile of salt.

Other people in the parking lot saw what was happening and restrained Gonzalez. Police were called at about 2:45 p.m.

Gonzalez, a Stamford resident, was acting erratically and screamed incoherently. Police handcuffed and restrained him, and at that point he said he couldn't see anything.

A Darien EMS-Post 53 ambulance was called in. Gonzalez was sedated by paramedics. He later admitted that he used marijuana laced with Phencyclidine, also known as PCP.

Possible Affects on Behavior from Taking PCPs

[According to](#) the federal government's National Library of Medicine, if you abuse high doses of PCP you can feel like you're "disconnected from reality," feel joyful and lower your inhibitions ("similar to being drunk on alcohol"). Also:

"Large doses may cause you to be very suspicious and not trust others. You might even hear voices that are not there. As a result, you may act strangely or become aggressive and violent."

Gonzalez continuously resisted police officer's attempts to detain him, and he screamed uncontrollably. He was later taken to a hospital for evaluation.

Both victims had minor injuries, and they were taken to a hospital for treatment.

On Dec. 20, Darien police applied for an arrest warrant, which was granted. Members of the police Selective Enforcement Unit, along with the Stamford police Narcotics and Organized Crime Unit went to Gonzalez' home on Mulberry Street in Stamford on Tuesday, where he was arrested without incident.

He was charged with third-degree assault on a blind or disabled person (the Norwalk man), second-degree assault, resisting arrest and breach of peace.

Gonzalez was held on a \$10,000 bond, which he was unable to post. He remains in police custody and is scheduled to appear in state Superior Court in Stamford on Wednesday morning if he doesn't post the bond

by then.