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After Passenger Repeatedly Stabs Lyft Driver, the Driver Crashes Into a Tree to Stop the Attack

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A Lyft driver purposefully crashed his car into a tree on [West Avenue, near Holmes Avenue](#), on Monday night, he told police, because it was the only way he could stop his passenger from stabbing him yet again with a knife.

Darien police gave this account of the incident, which the driver survived after being treated at a hospital for non-life-threatening injuries from several stab wounds:

The car was crashed shortly before 10:37 p.m., when police received a report about it. The driver told police that he picked up a customer in Stamford and was driving him to Norwalk.

Police said the incident's only connection to Darien was that the vehicle happened to be driving through town at the time.

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After the crash, the suspect fled with the victim's cell phone. Stamford police with a K9 unit were called to the scene and helped in searching for the suspect, but without success.

The police announcement also said:

"This assault is believed to be random and no other information is being released at this time as this is an ongoing investigation. If you have any information please call the Darien Detective Bureau at 203-662-5330."