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Darien Police Announce Three-Month-Old Arrest of Darien Man, 49, on Drug-Related Charges

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On May 2, Richard Paulus, 49, of Greenwood Avenue in Darien was arrested by Darien police on narcotics charges.

Police did not announce the arrest for three months, until it was mentioned in passing in an Aug. 12 news release about recent police reports, including one in which Paulus was again arrested, this time on a charge of failure to appear in court on the May 2 charges.

Here's what information Darien police have released about the case, including accusations not proven in court:

On Thursday, Aug. 8, Darien police were notified by the State's Attorney's Office in Stamford that there was

an active bench warrant for Paulus and that he was in state custody.

The police incident report indicates police received the information at 7:32 a.m.

At some point, according to police, officers went to state Superior Court in Stamford and served the warrant on Paulus, charging him with first-degree failure to appear in court, a felony. He remained in the custody of judicial marshals.

According to the Connecticut Judicial Branch website, his failure to appear in court occurred on June 27, and he remains in custody without bond. His next court date is Thursday, Aug. 15.

On May 2, according to the Judicial Branch website, Darien police charged him with possession with intent to sell or dispense narcotics, a felony, as well as possession with intent to use more than half an ounce of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Other Court Cases

The Judicial Branch website also lists two other sets of charges related to two arrests of Paulus this summer:

On June 3, Paulus was charged by Waterbury police with first-degree larceny, a felony; possession of more than half an ounce of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of narcotics within 1,500 feet of a school. He's scheduled to appear in state Superior Court in Waterbury today, Wednesday, Aug. 14.

On June 28, Paulus was charged by the state Probation Department with violating his probation for the third time. He was on probation in connection with an April 14, 2014 arrest on a charge of third-degree burglary. He pleaded guilty to that charge and the three charges of violating his probation. That case is in state Superior Court in Derby, where he is scheduled to appear on Sept. 16.

The Darien Police Announcement

Here's the entirety of the Darien police Aug. 12 announcement about the May 2 arrest, one of several occasions this year in which the department announced arrests weeks and even months after they took place (Darienite.com has removed his birth date and exact address for privacy reasons; "DOB" refers to date of birth):

- Incident Type: Bench Warrant Incident # 2019-010466 Blotter Date/Time 08/08/2019 0732hrs Location: Stamford Superior Court Arrested: Richard Paulus DOB: [month/day] 1970 [number] Greenwood Ave. Darien CT Charges: 53a-172: Failure to Appear 1st
- This agency was notified by the Stamford State's Attorney's Office that there was an active bench warrant for a subject currently in custody. A date was arranged to serve the warrant at Stamford Court. The subject, Richard Paulus, was produced at Stamford Court where the warrant was served. He was processed for the above charge and left in the custody of Judicial

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Marshals. Paulus was arrested by this agency on May 2nd, 2019 for narcotics charges.