

## **It's Always a Memorable Thanksgiving When the Police Are Called In: Two Tales for Future Generations**

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*Editor's note: Sure you can have your Thanksgiving movies and hand down your stories about the Pilgrims, but the families who had to go through these events will always have a memory they can pass down each holiday through the generations.*

*Some (particularly the people who were there) may say that their holiday was ruined. We think any holiday disaster that you can get through without life-threatening injuries is one you'll relate to great amusement at future holiday gatherings. We think every person involved, embarrassed or not, will be smiling during those future retellings. In the meantime, two men will be going to court.*

*Herewith, two tales of Darien Thanksgivings:*

These anecdotes, related through a Darien police announcement, contain accusations not proven in court. Here's what happened, according to police:

Shortly before 2:38 a.m. at a home on [Harriet Lane](#), when all through the house, not a creature was stirring until a resident heard banging on the outside door and ringing on the doorbell. When the resident opened the door, what did he see but a man who ran past the resident and into his home.

Asked who he was, the intruder replied, "Nick." When told to leave, he did. The resident then called police. Officers who went to the scene couldn't find Nick at that time.

At about 5 a.m., police were dispatched to a home on [Raymond Street](#) on a report of a suspicious person there. The description of that suspicious person matched the description of the suspicious person on Harriet Lane (about two blocks away).

This time, officers found Nick, who was near the Raymond Street residence. He was identified by his ID card as Nicholas Lombardo, 23, of Allen O'Neil Drive.

The complainant on Raymond Street told police that she was in her home when who should appear but Lombardo sitting at the bottom of the staircase. Lombardo seemed to have passed out from intoxication, and he didn't move when she told him to leave.

She got her two sons to help her get him outside. She told police that her house had been unlocked and she wasn't sure how long Lombardo had been inside. She also told police that Lombardo didn't realize where he was — he thought he was in his own house.

Lombardo was arrested on charges of simple trespassing and disorderly conduct. The Harriet Street resident told police he didn't want to pursue charges. Lombardo later was released on a promise to appear Dec. 10 in state Superior Court in Stamford.

Shortly before 6:45 p.m., over on [West Avenue](#), a person was celebrating Thanksgiving when, police were told, the victim's boyfriend, a 46-year-old Bridgeport man, became belligerent and the two began to argue.

During the argument, the boyfriend encroached on the victim's face. The victim told the boyfriend to get out of the victim's face. When he didn't, the victim pushed him away, which caused the boyfriend to lose his balance. Inadvertently the boyfriend's elbow came up and struck the victim in her face.

Specifically, it made contact with the victim's left eye. The victim made contact with police.

Police did not indicate how badly the victim was hurt, but no mention of an ambulance was made in the police announcement or even of the victim refusing a police suggestion to call an ambulance.

Police tried to issue a misdemeanor summons to the boyfriend and release him on a promise to appear in court, but the boyfriend was uncooperative, "forcing the officers to take him into custody," the police announcement said.

The boyfriend then spent the rest of Thanksgiving in jail, since he didn't post a \$5,000 bond. The next morning he was taken to state Superior Court in Stamford on charges of disorderly conduct and interfering with an officer.