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## **Police: After Cop Spots Suspicious Activity Near Restaurant, Two Charged With Stealing Used Cooking Oil**

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A police officer patrolling the Post Road at 4:02 a.m. saw a white van, without any lights on, backing up into the back of Nino's Restaurant at 390 Post Road, police said. That, with other information, resulted in the arrests of two men accused of trying to steal used cooking oil.

Darien police gave this account of what happened in the early morning incident on April 22, a Friday, including accusations not proven in court:

The officer's suspicions were raised further after hearing a generator being started from the "older" white van and seeing a hose running from the van into a container

When the two men were approached by officers, they remove the hose from the container and put it in the

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van. Police determined that the hose had been used to syphon used cooking oil from an outdoor vat.

Used cooking oil can be resold, so taking it without permission is larceny. The two men were arrested and each charged with fourth-degree larceny and conspiracy to commit fourth-degree larceny.

Olin Muldrow Jr., 31, and Shakim Makins, 25, both of the same apartment on Lamport Boulevard in Staten Island, New York, were each released on \$1,000 bonds. They are due to appear May 2 in state Superior Court in Stamford.