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Police: Boyfriend, 41, Charged with Stealing from Girlfriend's Darien Father

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The boyfriend of a Darien man's adult daughter stole checks — along with \$300 in cash and a credit card from the man's dresser — resulting in the arrests of the boyfriend and another Stamford man, police said.

Darien police described what happened with this account (including accusations not proven in court):

Sometime before June 7, when he went to police, the Darien man found a total of five fraudulent checks cashed against his bank account, with a total of \$1,455 withdrawn. Several of the checks were made out to Richard Simmons of Stamford.

Another \$556 was taken from the credit card account through the Venmo app.

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The victim's bank gave him cancelled checks and copies of IDs used to cash the checks. They were made out to either Sean Frangione, the boyfriend of the Darien man's daughter, or Robert Simmons.

Police contacted Frangione, 41, of Stamford, who said the check was given to him by the Darien man, but he refused to talk more about that. He did agree to go to Darien Police Headquarters to be interviewed, but he failed to show up at the agreed date and time.

Police applied for and received arrest warrants charging Frangione and Simmons with larceny, identity theft and fraud.

On Wednesday, Oct. 2, Stamford police notified Darien police that Simmons was in Stamford's custody. The 51-year-old man was taken to Darien Police Headquarters and arrested.

Simmons, whose address in court documents is the Pacific House homeless shelter in Stamford, was held on a court-set \$50,000 bond and on the next day taken to state Superior Court in Stamford.

Two days later, at about 4:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 4, police were dispatched to the area of [Laforge Road](#) after someone reported a suspicious male looking into vehicle windows. He was last seen in the area of the Noroton Heights train station. Police found Frangione on West Avenue.

When police took him into custody, they found that Frangione was wanted on a bench warrant (which usually means a person is accused of not coming to court) from a case in Monroe. Frangione was arrested, held on a \$25,000 bond for the Darien charges and a \$10,000 bond for the Monroe charges. He was taken to the Stamford court later that morning.

Frangione and Simmons were each charged with multiple counts of forgery, identity theft and larceny. Most of the charges are felonies.

In court, Frangione's total bond amount was increased to \$50,000 (Simmons' bond remains at \$50,000). In addition, Frangione is also being held on a \$100,000 bond in connection with a 2016 conviction for driving while under the influence after an arrest in Coventry (a town [next-door to Mansfield](#), where the main UConn campus is located). That was his second DUI conviction.

He was scheduled to appear Monday (today, Oct. 7) in state Superior Court in Bridgeport on that charge.

Simmons is scheduled to appear in Stamford court next on Oct. 18, Frangione on Nov. 4. Neither man has been released, according to the Connecticut Judicial Branch website, as of Monday afternoon.

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