

## **Police: Man, 26, at Park After Hours with Woman, in Violation of Protective Order**

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When Darien police questioned a man, 26, and woman in a car at Woodland Park after the park was closed, the man turned out to have a protective order forbidding him to be in the company of the woman, police said.

Darien police described the matter with this account, including accusations not proven in court:

Police saw the car at the West Avenue entrance to Woodland Park at 8:48 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26, after the park was closed and when there was a chain across the entrance.

After the man gave police his name, they did a routine check against state police records and found that an arrest warrant had been issued charging him with failure to appear in court, stemming from charges filed by state police Troop G in Bridgeport.

In Bridgeport, he was charged back in January with failure to drive in the proper lane and driving with a suspended driver's license. He hasn't pleaded guilty or not guilty to the charges, according to the Connecticut Judicial Branch website.

State records also showed the protective order forbidding him to be with the woman in the car with him. Police let her drive the car away (she owns it) and arrested the man, charging him with violating the protective order, which is a felony.

He was arrested March 12 by Stamford police on charges of third-degree criminal mischief and second-degree threatening, both misdemeanors, and he's pleaded not guilty to the charges.

He was held on a \$10,000 bond for the new charge and a \$500 bond for the failure to appear charge and appeared the next day in state Superior Court in Stamford. There his \$10,000 bond was reduced to \$7,500. He is scheduled to appear again in court in Bridgeport on Aug. 1 and on Aug. 22 in Stamford.