

Police: Man, 29, Arrested on Four Felony Charges After Victim Runs From Him and Into Police Headquarters

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A 29-year-old man threatened, assaulted, stole from, unlawfully restrained and strangled a victim at the man's mother's home in Stamford — then he and the victim went to Darien, where he again threatened assaulted, unlawfully restrained and strangled the victim, according to reports from Darien and Stamford police.

In Darien, the man and the victim had parked in Spring Grove Cemetery at about 9 p.m., and at some point the victim ran from the car, across Hecker Avenue and into the lobby at Darien Police Headquarters, Darien police said.

Darien police gave this account of what happened, including accusations not proven in court:

The victim told police that the altercation and physical assaults began early in the morning on Friday, April 21 at the home of Pablo Monegro's mother in Stamford.

Police did not describe how each of the charges against Monegro related to specific acts, but after his arrest he was charged by Stamford police with third-degree larceny and second-degree strangulation (both felonies), and misdemeanor counts of third-degree assault, second-degree unlawful restraint and disorderly conduct.

The victim said Monegro continued the assault in the car and at the cemetery.

Darien police charged him with second-degree assault and second-degree strangulation (both felonies), and misdemeanor counts of second-degree threatening, second-degree unlawful restraint, second-degree breach of peace and first-degree reckless endangerment.

That comes to six charges in Stamford and seven in Darien, four of them felonies, seven of them misdemeanors.

Stamford police found Monegro and arrested him, then turned him over to Darien police for a second arrest and the rest of the charges.

Darien police held him on \$500,000 bond, which was later reduced to \$100,000. The bond in the Stamford charges was also set at \$100,000. He didn't post bond, so he spent all day Sunday in jail and went to state Superior Court in Stamford on Monday. He remains in jail and is scheduled for another court appearance today, Wednesday, April 26.

This is not the first time Monegro, who lives on Water Street in Derby, has been charged with four felonies in the same incident.

Last June, Bridgeport police arrested him in a case in which he is charged with criminal possession of a firearm, carrying a pistol without a permit, illegal possession of a weapon in a motor vehicle and illegal possession of "a large capacity magazine" (referring to bullets). In that case, he is also charged with three misdemeanor counts of interfering with an officer or resisting arrest. He was also charged with improper parking, a motor vehicle violation.

He has pleaded not guilty to all charges in that case. Monegro had been released from jail on a promise to appear in state Superior Court in Bridgeport. His next court date in Bridgeport is May 11.