

Police: Man, 34, Follows Woman Driver Closely, Yelling, Then Approaches on Foot When She Stops

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Angry at the way a woman had pulled her vehicle out in front of his own, a 34-year-old man followed her from Stamford into Darien, and when traffic stopped on Hoyt Street, he got out of his truck, reportedly kicked her vehicle and tried to open a door, then got into a "verbal altercation" with her, police said.

Darien police got accounts of the incident from both the woman and the man and described what happened with this account, including accusations not proven in court:

Just after the road rage incident, the woman — who was crying and appeared extremely upset — approached a police officer at about 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, as the officer was working at a school crossing and told the officer about the incident.

She said that she was pulling out of a CVS store in Stamford when she pulled onto a street in front of a white pickup truck. The driver of the pickup, Brian Parker of Knickerbocker Avenue in the Springdale section of Stamford, later told police he was mad at her because she was on her phone.

After she pulled out in front of the pickup, the driver began following her. The entire time, he screamed at her while hanging out of his driver's side window. The truck followed her very closely as she made several turns.

The woman also said: On Hoyt Street in the area of Holmes School, the woman had to stop for traffic. At this point, Parker got out of his truck, walked up to her vehicle, pulled on the door handle, kicked the vehicle and got into the "verbal altercation" with her.

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Police later saw no marks or damage to her car.

The woman apparently got Parker's driver's license number, because police were able to use his registration information to identify him as the owner and contact him.

Parker admitted that he followed her and yelled at her, saying he did so because she was on the phone while driving.

He also admitted that he left his truck and yelled at the woman through a closed window. He denied ever touching her vehicle.

Police issued Parker an infraction, charging him with creating a public disturbance.