

Police: Man, 36, Made Threatening Comment Regarding a Firearm While in a Bar, Then Screamed Outside

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A 36-year-old Stamford man was charged with first-degree threatening, a felony, after making a threat that mentioned a firearm while at a downtown bar, Darien police said.

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

At about 11:30 p.m., Friday, April 14, a police officer near 1041 Post Road heard a man screaming. As the officer tried to find out who was screaming, two women approached and said the screamer was James Newton.

They said Newton was trying to get the pair to get in their Uber, and they said that when they were at the bar of The Goose Oyster Bar, Newton had made comments about using a firearm.

A police news release didn't further describe or quote what Newtown said, but after he made the comments, police were told, several other patrons of the bar.

Officers at the scene determined Newtown had made a threat, and he was arrested on charges of first-degree threatening, a felony, and breach of peace. Officers later found that Newtown didn't possess a firearm.

Newtown, who lives on Harbor Point Road in Stamford, was held on a \$20,000 bond, police said, but he apparently posted it — the Connecticut Judicial Branch website doesn't post court information on this case, and police said his next court date (perhaps his first) is April 27 in state Superior Court in Stamford.

The same website says that a "J Newtown" born in the same year was charged with disorderly conduct on Jan. 8 by Stamford police.