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Police: Man Hit the Mother of His Children While She Had Them in Her Arms

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While the mother of his two children had them in her arms, a 35-year-old Darien father punched those arms, making the argument between the parents physical, according to Darien police, who arrested the man.

Police said the woman was not injured by the punching.

Police described what happened with this account, including accusations not proven in court:

Starting sometime before 10:50 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 31, when police were called, David Zachary, of 249 Noroton Ave., had an argument with the mother of his children.

He later told police that the argument never became physical or severe enough to call police.

Police said the mother gave them this account (again, with accusations not proven in court):

The argument started downstairs, which woke the two children, who had been in bed upstairs. The mother went upstairs to try to get the children back to sleep, and Zachary went upstairs and, the police announcement said, "began 'demanding' the kids." The mother refused.

That's when Zachary punched the woman's arms as she held the children. The punches forced her to stop holding them.

The father then took one of the children outside in the front yard, which is when the woman contacted police.

Zachary was arrested on charges of risk of injury to a minor (a felony) and disorderly conduct. He was released on a promise to appear Tuesday, Sept. 4 in state Superior Court in Stamford. The case has been continued to Oct. 16, according to the Connecticut Judicial Branch website.