

Police: Online Comment 'Thanks for the Reminder, I Need to Get Ammo' Gets Man Arrested

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After a 67-year-old Stratford man made a comment in a Facebook comment about school shootings , Darien police arrested him Feb. 24 on a warrant charging him with disorderly conduct.

The statement, that police said got him in trouble: “Thanks for the reminder, I need to buy ammo.”

The comment was posted in the comments section about a Darien newspaper story that discussed high school students planning a school walkout in support of gun control, police said.

Darien police described what happened this way, including accusations not proven in court:

Starting on Saturday, Feb. 24, police began receiving anonymous complaints about the comment, posted by a "Ray Moerler." Police contacted Raymond Moerler of Sedgewick Avenue in Stratford, and he admitted that he posted the statement, although he denied he meant the comment to sound threatening, and he immediately removed the post.

Police applied for and received an arrest warrant, and on Monday, Feb. 26, two days after police had received the anonymous tips, Moerler turned himself in at Darien Police Headquarters.

His arrest was processed, and he was released on a promise to appear in state Superior Court in Stamford on Thursday, March 8.