

## **Police Update on New Canaan Contractor's Arrest: Charges Involve Not One But Three Darien Homes**

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Darien police say a New Canaan contractor charged with failing to return customers' money after failing to complete home renovations was actually doing this to three separate customers in Darien, not the one initially described.

In addition to not paying back the owners of a Mansfield Avenue house, Thomas Faucher, 45, had also stopped work on houses on Pembroke Road and Christie Hill Road and not returned money to customers, police said on Thursday.

(Darienite.com received an email from a town resident who said the initial article was incomplete. A Darien police spokesman was asked about that and provided further information on incidents involving owners of two other houses in town.)

*This article is based on Darien police accounts that include accusations not proven in court.*

### **Pembroke Road**

A client contacted Faucher in November 2018 to get work done on the Pembroke Road home and paid the contractor a total of \$155,000 on four dates between Dec. 7, 2018 and Jan. 25, 2019.

The customer said that as work progressed, subcontractors started not showing up and the project slowed down. Subcontractors told the him they weren't getting paid.

Faucher said he had paid \$41,859 directly to the subcontractors.

The customer estimated that work had been 80% completed when Faucher stopped communicating with him.

### **Christie Hill Road**

In October 2018, the complainant hired Faucher to perform home improvements, paying him a total of \$166,908 in five payments from Oct. 31, 2018 to Feb. 28, 2019.

Again, subcontractors began not showing up to complete the work and told the customer that they weren't getting paid. "Around the same time, Faucher stopped communicating with the complainant," a police spokesman said Thursday in an email.

### **Mansfield Avenue**

*As [Darienite.com](#) [reported Monday](#):*

"Mansfield Avenue homeowners had to arrange to have the work on their house completed after they paid \$650,000 to a New Canaan contractor who accepted the money, stopped doing the work, didn't pay subcontractors and wouldn't give a refund, police said.

"Faucher [...] was hired in May 2018 to do renovation work on the Mansfield Avenue house, but the work began to slow down in October. Faucher told the owners he needed more money for work to continue.

"The owners paid him more money, which put the total payments at \$650,000. But no further work was done."

### **Arrest, Other Legal Trouble**

*As previously reported:*

Darien police charged Faucher with failing to live up to his legal duties regarding cancellation for contracted

work. He turned himself in to police on Sunday, June 9 and was released on \$30,000 bond. His case goes to state Superior Court in Stamford on June 20.

Darien police described the charges against him as "failure to provide cancellations" and "failure to provide oral cancellations."

Foucher has two civil cases in the same courthouse:

- Ring's End Inc. filed a complaint dated April 9 (filed late in May) against him and T.M. Foucher LLC, accusing him of not paying \$69,252.50 worth of building supplies that had been charged to an open account at Ring's End.
- The other case is for divorce, filed by his wife in May 2018. Neither case has been resolved.