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Police: Woman, 34, Charged After Not Supervising Boyfriend's Two Children, Ages 3 and 8, in Neighborhood

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After a 3-year-old girl was seen walking a dog near the intersection of Noroton Avenue and West Elm Street, and her 8-year-old brother on a bicycle in the neighborhood, their father's girlfriend was charged with leaving them unsupervised, police said.

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

At about 5:18 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 13, a report came to police about the young girl walking her dog.

Police were dispatched to the <u>Noroton Avenue/West Elm Street</u> intersection, where a resident of Chestnut Street told them he'd seen the girl playing with what he thought was her brother about an hour before in the Heights apartment complex on Allen O'Neill Drive.

Police then found the brother riding his bicycle in front of Building 5 in the complex.

While on scene, a resident of Chestnut St. arrived and stated he saw her playing with what he believed to be her brother an hour ago near the Allen O'Neill Apartments. A search of the area discovered the girl's 8-year-old brother riding his bike in front of Building #5 at Allen O'Neill.

Police found out that the children were staying with the girlfriend of the children's father. The 34-year-old woman lives in <u>Building 5</u>. When they spoke with the woman, she said she was caring for the two children and allows them to go play outside from the back door, which is by Noroton Avenue.

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The woman indicated she didn't believe the officers when they told her that the girl was found <u>almost two</u> <u>blocks away</u> on Noroton Avenue.

Police issued the woman a misdemeanor summons charging her with two counts of leaving a child under the age of 12 unsupervised. She is scheduled to appear Oct. 23 in state Superior Court in Stamford.

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