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Juveniles Stealing Cars in Wallingford

On July 19, 2022 at approximately 1:48pm, Wallingford Police officers responded to Stop & Shop Gas at 930 North Colony Road for a theft from auto. Upon arrival, officers discovered that two male juveniles had fled the scene after snatching a victim's purse while she was pumping gas in what was later learned to be a stolen beige colored Chevy Traverse. One juvenile perpetrator was wearing all black and the other was wearing all red.

While a canvass of the local area was conducted a short time after the initial call, officers were dispatched to the area of South Main Street and Chester Avenue where the stolen beige Chevy Traverse had crashed. The juveniles crashed moments after a failed attempt to steal another vehicle at South Main Street and Green Street. The juveniles then fled southbound on foot and were observed at the Audi dealership located at 800 South Colony Road. Moments later, a black Toyota Corolla was stolen out of Fabi's Pizza at 560 South Main Street, located behind the Audi dealership. The juveniles then fled the area in the stolen Corolla southbound on South Colony Road into North Haven, and were observed by Officer Evans and Officer Ferrelli at the Citgo gas station located at 490 Washington Avenue. The juvenile dressed in black, who was in the driver's seat, locked the vehicle doors and drove off, leaving the other juvenile behind, who was then apprehended.

After further investigation by the Wallingford Police Patrol Division, the 16-year-old juvenile was arrested for his involvement in the three incidents, and charged with the following violations of the Connecticut General Statutes: 53a-123-Larceny in the 2nd Degree, 53a-103-Burglary in the 3rd Degree and 53a-122-Larceny in the First Degree. The Juvenile was issued a Juvenile Court Summons, released to a parent, and assigned a court date of July 26, 2022 at the Superior Court for Juvenile Matters at 239 Whalley Avenue, New Haven. WPD Case Number 22-19732/22-19725.

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