



# WALLINGFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## News Release

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### Commercial Burglar Arrested in Wallingford

On 09-22-2023, the Wallingford Police Department arrested nineteen-year-old Collin Howard for a series of commercial burglaries that occurred in the winter and spring of 2023. Howard, along with his associates, committed four burglaries in the Town of Wallingford at commercial establishments. These burglaries included Rivas Taqueria on 03-07-2023, George Harte Infiniti on 03-16-2023 as well as 06-28-2023, and Empire Wine and Liquor on 05-20-2023.

During the burglaries, Howard and his associates targeted ATM machines and motor vehicles. After a lengthy investigation conducted with the assistance of multiple State and Federal agencies, including the North Haven Police Department and the Waterbury Police Department. Detectives linked Howard to these incidents through multiple search warrants, cell tower records, witness statements, and surveillance video.

Howard was arrested and charged with violation of Connecticut General Statutes 53a-103 Burglary in the Third Degree (4 counts), 53a-119c Theft of a Motor Vehicle (2 counts), 53a-117 Criminal Mischief in the Third Degree (four counts) and multiple larceny related offenses. He is incarcerated at Manson Youth Institution being held in lieu of \$450,000 bond. The suspects remain at large.

The Wallingford Police Department urges anyone with further information, please contact Wallingford Police Detective Division (203)294-2845 or visit [www.police.wallingfordct.gov](http://www.police.wallingfordct.gov) with any further information.



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