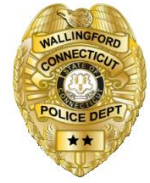




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Wallingford Police Incident to be Featured on “Body Cam” TV Series

RECAP: On April 14th 2021, members of the Wallingford Police Department responded to a residence on Fairlawn Drive for a reported domestic violence assault. Through investigation, officers discovered that the suspect, then 38-year-old Christopher Poach of the same address, was mentally ill and may be armed with a firearm. Officers determined that Poach had assaulted the victim, and threatened the victim with other weapons. Officers learned that he had possession of a sword, rifle, Taser, pepper spray, multiple knives, and body armor among other things. After officer's arrival at the residence, the situation escalated to the point where Poach barricaded himself inside the home. While Officers were on the perimeter of the barricaded home, they witnessed a rifle barrel sticking out of a top-level window. Poach then attempted to flee the residence while holding a rifle case. Officers pursued Poach on foot and while he was running, he drew the rifle from its case and continued to run. The suspect taunted the pursuing officers to shoot him. Eventually officers caught Poach while he was still armed with the rifle and they were able to take him into custody without further incident. The rifle he was armed with was determined to be a Ruger mini 14 .223 caliber and was loaded with a full magazine and one round in the chamber. Body armor, among other items/weapons was later located inside the home. Poach was charged with the following violations: 53a-116- Criminal Mischief 2nd Degree, 53a-181- Breach of Peace 2nd Degree, 53a-212- Stealing a Firearm, 53a-217- Criminal Possession of a Firearm, 53a-217d- Criminal Possession of Body Armor, 53a-61- Assault 3rd Degree, 53a-62- Threatening 2nd Degree, and 53a-63- Reckless Endangerment 1st Degree. Poach was later convicted of the following violations: 29-35(a)- Carrying a Pistol Without a Permit with a sentence of 5 years jail, execution suspended after 15 months, probation 3 years, 53a-61- Assault 3rd Degree with a sentence of 11 months jail, and 53a-62- Threatening 2nd Degree with a sentence of 11 months jail.

About the Show: The Investigation Discovery documentary series “Body Cam” will be featuring this incident on their show with an air date of November 1, 2022 at 9pm EST on the Investigation Discovery Network. The show can also be viewed on the streaming service Discovery+.