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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Arrest of Dangerous Suspect:**

On 5/9/21 at approximately 1841 hours, Officers responded to 8 East Street for the report of a gas leak. 8 East Street is a multi-family residence. With the assistance of the Wallingford Fire Department, it was determined that the source of the gas smell was not from a natural gas leak, but was from another source, which required investigation. Multiple residents and their children were home at the time of the incident and all persons were evacuated. The Wallingford Police Detective Division and The Connecticut State Police Arson Investigation Unit responded to the scene to assist in the investigation. After thorough investigation, it was found that the suspect, identified as Lashawn Jackson, allegedly poured liquid that was identified as an accelerant from a gallon container all over sections of the interior, including the common stairwell of the multi-family home. Jackson was arrested, charged with the below offenses, and transported to Wallingford Police Headquarters. He was held on a \$500,000.00 surety bond and was transported to G. A. #7 on 5/10/21 at 0900 hours.

**Lashawn Jackson**

**Age:** 47 years

**Address:** 8 East Street Apt. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Wallingford, CT 06492

**Charges:** 53a-21- Risk of Injury to a Minor (two counts), 53a-63- Reckless Endangerment (three counts), 53a-115- Criminal Mischief 1<sup>st</sup>, 53a-181- Breach of Peace 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Bond:** \$500,000.00

**Court Date:** 5-10-21 at Meriden Superior Court

**WPD Case number:** 21-14454

