



News Release



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Man Suspected of DWI Arrested After Motor Vehicle Accident

On October 1, 2021 around 10:16 PM, officers responded to the intersection of Center Street and North Colony Road for a motor vehicle accident. The investigation lead to the arrest of 51 year old Victor Manuel Lopez of 31 Annawan Street, Unit J4, Hartford, CT 06114.

When officers first responded, information was relayed that the suspect fled the scene of the accident on foot. The suspect was apprehended by two nearby citizens who brought him to responding Wallingford Police officers who then took custody of the individual. Through investigation, it was found that Lopez operated his GMC Yukon northbound on South Colony Road when he left his travel lane and collided into another vehicle on the opposite side of the road. The impact caused the vehicle he hit to collide into two other vehicles. Lopez's vehicle then traveled to the side of the roadway, struck one telephone pole, struck the façade of Style by Katelyn Hair Salon (26 North Colony Road), and struck a second telephone pole.

No injuries were reported. Three of the four vehicles involved were towed from the scene. The damage to the store front of Style by Katelyn consisted of broken brick siding, broken windows, and damage to the support beams.

During the investigation, the Wallingford Police Department was supported by the Town of Wallingford Building Inspector, the Wallingford Fire Department, and Frontier Communications.

Victor Manuel Lopez

Age: 51 years

Address: 31 Annawan Street, Unit J4, Hartford, CT 06114

Charges: 14-224(b)(3)- Evading Responsibility, 14-230(a)- Failure to Drive Right, and 14-227a- Illegal Operation of a Motor Vehicle while Under the Influence of Drugs or Alcohol

Bond: \$2,500.00

Court Date: November 12, 2021

WPD Case Number: 21-29120



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