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SGT. William Merriam Community Impact Unit 135 North Main Street Wallingford, CT 06492

Operating a Drug Factory Arrest

On 3-3-2021, Nicholas Artaiz and Kyle Cocco were arrested by warrant for charges related to an incident that occurred on 12-24-2020. On 12-24-2020 at approximately 0529 hrs, Officers responded to reports of a physical dispute in the area of 222 N Cherry Street. Officers located those involved in the dispute and observed large amounts of marijuana and marijuana processing materials in the apartment at 222 N Cherry St 1st floor. Detectives obtained a search and seizure warrant for the residence and located approximately 6.55 lbs of marijuana in various stages of cultivation and process, marijuana wax and materials to process it and items for the packaging and sales of marijuana.

Artaiz and Cocco were charged with Operating a Drug Factory (21a-277(c), Possession with Intent to Sell (21a-278(a)), Sale of Illegal Drugs (21a-278(b)), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (21a-267(a)), and Possession of a Controlled Substance Greater than a ½ ounce of Cannabis (21a-267(a). Reference Wallingford Police Case Number 2020-30307.

Nicholas A. Artaiz

DOB: 12-10-1988 Address: 222 N. Cherry S (1st Flr) Wallingford, CT Bond: \$ 25,000 Court Date: 4-12-2021 at Meriden Superior Court <u>Kyle M Cocco</u> DOB: 03-23-1995 Address: 222 N. Cherry S (1st Flr) Wallingford, CT Bond: \$ 25,000

Court Date: 4-15-2021 at Meriden Superior Court



