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Lexus Stolen from Fairfield Recovered in Wallingford with an Arrest Made

On January 18, 2023 around 7:58PM, officers responded to the area of Walgreens (284 South Colony Road) to assist the Fairfield Police Department in finding a gray 2023 Lexus NX3 that was stolen from, and used in some type of robbery in Fairfield earlier that evening. Wallingford officers located the Lexus in the parking lot of the business and intercepted the male suspect as he was walking through the parking lot and trying to put items into the stolen vehicle. Officers detained the suspect who then provided them with a false name. Evidence of narcotics were found on the suspect's person. He became quickly lethargic and seemed to be losing consciousness. The suspect was transported to the hospital for a medical evaluation.

During the course of the investigation, officers determined the male suspect was with a female suspect. A canvas of the surrounding area led to the detention of the female suspect at Citgo (326 South Colony Road) who was trying to solicit rides from passing motorists. The female also initially provided officers with a false name.

Both the female and male suspects were arrested for the possession of the stolen vehicle. The female was determined to be 29-year-old Jessica Lynn Petrino of LKA 585 Second Hill Lane, Stratford, CT 06614, who additionally has two active VOP warrants for her arrest. She was charged with violation of Connecticut General Statutes 53a-167a- Interfering with an Officer, PA22-115(13) - Larceny of a Motor Vehicle, and 53a-48/PA22-115(13) - Conspiracy to Commit Larceny of a Motor Vehicle. She was held on a \$10,000 surety bond and was issued a court date of March 1, 2023.

The male was later identified as 59-year-old Eric Woodson of LKA 678 Elm Street, New Haven, CT 06511. He was charged with violation of Connecticut General Statutes 53a-167a- Interfering with an Officer, 21-267- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, PA22-115(113) - Larceny of a Motor Vehicle,



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