

Report

Page <u>1</u> of <u>16</u>	INCIDENT REPORT	REPORT NUMBER: 2018-019908
Westport Police Department		ORI# CT0015800
50 Jesup Road		REPORT DATE: 09-17-2018 TIME: 19:02
Westport CT 06880-4385		DATE INCIDENT: 09-17-2018 TIME: 19:02
203-341-6000		DATE END: TIME:

ADMIN	LOCATION: 75 WEST PARISH RD WESTPORT CT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT Harassment
	METHOD OF OPERATION	OFFENSE TRACT
	DISPOSITION	EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE CODE

Police Report

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See Page 7-8

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SUSPECT	NAME	HOME PHONE	WORK PHONE
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	ETHNICITY	SSN	
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REPORTING OFFICER 04841 Grasso, Mark	SUPERVISOR
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	ADDRESS						HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE	
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NARRATIVE TITLE
Narrative From CAD

Complaint Type: PGS - POLICE GENERAL SERVICE
Caller Name: Victim 1
Officer ID: 04841, Officer Name: GRASSO, MARK

[9/17/2018 7:03:55 PM : pos1 : 00590]
Cross streets: BEDFORD DR/CENTER ST
Geo Comment: 50 CENTER ST (GMPID: 1)
NBH: MAP 52

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OFFICER ID/NAME

DATE

NARRATIVE TITLE
Initial Report

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

On 09/17/2018, I was assigned to respond to 75 West Parish Road, Westport, CT to meet with the tenant, hereinafter referred to as Victim 1 or V-1, who wanted to report a concern. I arrived and met with V-1 inside of her apartment. She reported that she was made aware that James J. Lawrence date of birth [REDACTED] who was arrested by Officer Sullivan in March 2018, had returned to Westport from Europe yesterday for a court appearance in Norwalk today. 75 West Parish Road is a multi-family dwelling (3 apartments) owned by Lawrence's parents. According to V-1, she leased the apartment from Lawrence's parents and James is not listed as a lessor on the rental agreement. V-1 has a month to month lease at 75 West Parish which officially ends on 12/01/2018 and she plans to vacate the apartment. V-1 is very much aware of Lawrence's proclivity for stalking and harassing women and is concerned for her safety and the safety of the other women at that address because James has access to the keys to all of the apartments at that address and has previously entered the dwelling on several occasions. She reported that on one occasion, James Lawrence waited in the dark in the basement where the washing machine and dryer are located. When the tenant of 73 West Parish "Chelsea" went down to the basement to do laundry, Lawrence approached "Chelsea" from behind, placed his hand over her mouth and said something to her. According to V-1, "Chelsea" will not do laundry at home anymore.

V-1 insisted that she did not want to file a formal complaint at this time, but wanted her concerns documented and requested additional patrols in the area. V-1 reported that she has taken steps to attempt to make herself feel more safe in her apartment including hanging paper towels on the sidelights of the bay window to prevent anyone from seeing inside, and locking her windows and doors. She stated that she is very concerned because of the free access that anyone, including James Lawrence, has to the basement through the "Bilco" hatchway doors. When asked why those doors were not locked, V-1 stated that she did not know that they could be locked. I then assisted V-1 with engaging the latch to secure the access to the basement.

An N.C.I.C./C.O.L.L.E.C.T. of James J. Lawrence, date of birth [REDACTED] showed that his CT Operator's License [REDACTED] is EXPIRED as of [REDACTED]. He has one vehicle registered to him. It is a 2013 BMW 528xi, color silver, [REDACTED]. It is believed that Lawrence is staying with his parents at [REDACTED] which is off of Hills Point Road.

I completed a patrol information bulletin and disseminated it to the sworn personnel at the Westport Police Department.

V-1 emailed me the link for the "Craigslist" add presumably announcing her apartment for rent. (See attached "Craiglist" posting) The posting instructs anyone interested to "Call [REDACTED] as for James." This is the same phone number provided by James Lawrence during booking for his arrest by this department in March 2018.

NARRATIVE

OFFICER ID/NAME
04841

Grasso, Mark

DATE
9/18/2018 3:28:08 PM

NARRATIVE TITLE
Supplementary Report

On 09/18/2018, V-1 forwarded an email chain of communication between her and James Lawrence. V-1 indicates that this communication was directly as a result of basement doors at the home being locked. The message from Lawrence from the email address jameslrenaissance@gmail.com states, "Anna Advice - do not cause my beloved 77 year old parents any stress whatsoever. Take this advice." The complainant replied to this communication stating, "What was not Crystal Clear to you in me writing ""do not contact me again"" FOR ANY REASON? KEEP THIS UP AND I WILL CONTACT THE POLICE. LEAVE ME ALONE!!!!!"

I contacted Assistant State's Attorney Justina Moore at CT Superior Court in Norwalk (GA #20). After discussing the facts of this case with her and based on James Lawrence's history of following women around and causing them concern, she agreed that the email communication from Lawrence constituted the crime of Harassment in the Second Degree in violation of section 53a-183 of the C.G.S. and would review an arrest warrant affidavit for the same if presented to her.

I contacted V-1 by phone to discuss this email thread with her. She stated that there was more to the story that she did not want to initially share with me the night before because her friend, Marie Pelletier, was in the room and she was embarrassed to share certain details with Marie there. V-1 stated that she had been involved in a brief dating relationship with James Lawrence. She stated the relationship began sometime around June or July of 2018, almost immediately after she met Lawrence after he advertised his apartment (the apartment she now resides in) for rent on Craigslist. V-1 stated that she was previously residing in Wilton and wanted to shorten her commute into Manhattan. She described her first meeting with Lawrence and stated that he was an attractive man, who came across as very charming. She stated that after looking at the apartment, she stated that she wanted to rent it and that Lawrence scribbled a lease agreement on a sheet of paper. She explained to him that she wanted something more formal which was subsequently prepared and executed by she and Lawrence's parents, who own the property. She stated during that initial meeting, Lawrence asked her out for coffee and they began seeing each other. V-1 also stated that when she asked Lawrence why he was leaving the apartment, he told her that he was going to Europe for three months.

V-1 stated that she and Lawrence have communicate by phone, text, and email. She stated that he would often text or call her and offer to pick her up at the train station in Stamford so that she didn't have to sit through all of the stops to Wilton where she was still residing at that time. She stated that during this time, she met Lawrence's parents and accompanied him to dinner at their home. She stated that one evening, she and Lawrence went out for dinner/drinks to the Pearl Restaurant at Longshore in Westport. That evening, she and Lawrence had unprotected sexual intercourse at his apartment. She stated that that occurred on July 15, 2018. She stated that that evening, Lawrence told her that he was "a player" and his demeanor toward her changed after they had sex. V-1 stated that it was almost as though "the chase" was over and Lawrence was no longer interested in her.

V-1 stated that on the day that she moved into the apartment at [REDACTED] on 08/28/2018, she was approached by [REDACTED] who at that time was living in the second floor apartment, who told her about Lawrence's past, specifically about the Westport News article about Lawrence's arrest and how eleven other woman had come forward to complain that they too had been victim's of Lawrence's "stalking". V-1 then learned through a "Google" search about Lawrence's history of "stalking" women.. She stated that her concern for her personal safety was immediately elevated. I asked V-1 if she would be willing to provide a written statement to make a formal complaint against Lawrence. She stated that she would and would meet with me on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at 0730.

On 09/18/2018 at approximately 1000 hours, I observed James Lawrence driving his 2013 BMW 528xi, color silver [REDACTED] from behind the Westport Police Department. I recognized the vehicle and Lawrence because I had conducted NCIC/COLLECT inquiries of his name and date of birth for his license information, vehicles registered to him, and any outstanding warrants on 09/17/2018 after taking the initial complaint. Later during my shift on 09/18/2018, dispatch informed me that James Lawrence had come to the police department and wanted to speak to an officer. By the time I arrived back at headquarters, Lawrence had left. I called his cell phone number and reached his voice mail. I left a message identifying myself and asking him to return my call.

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Grasso, Mark

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9/25/2018 8:31:37 AM

NARRATIVE TITLE

Supplementary Report - Victim Interview

On 09/22/2018 at approximately 0810 hours, I met with V-1 at Westport Police Headquarters in the Detective Bureau interview room. We began to discuss her complaint. She became very concerned that her name would somehow be released subsequent to a freedom of information request or to members of the media. I explained that the police department could only redact certain information and that there was a possibility that she may be called to testify in regard to her complaint. I explained that in my opinion, based on the fact that she was in a brief dating relationship with Lawrence, that this now met the statutory definition of domestic violence and therefore, she would not be identified by name in the police reports. The interview was stopped and we discussed her concerns. LT. Prezioso joined the discussion and reiterated the information that I had conveyed to the victim.

V-1 explained that she was extremely tired because she hadn't slept in several days due to her fear that James Lawrence may use the keys that he has access to to gain entry into her apartment. She stated that she couldn't think clearly and needed to give additional thought to whether she wanted to make this formal complaint. I provided her with Victim's Rights cards and asked if there was someplace that she could go, where she felt safe, to get some rest. She explained that she had a friend whose house she could go to and take a nap.

A short time later, V-1 contacted me by phone at police headquarters and stated that when she returned to her apartment, she spoke with the other tenants there and she realizes that she needs to make this complaint not only for her protection but to protect other women who have been victimized by James Lawrence. The victim stated that she would return to police headquarters on Tuesday, September 25th to provide her written statement.

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Grasso, Mark

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9/25/2018 1:48:35 PM

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Supplementary Report - Victim Statement

On 09/25/2018 between approximately 1000 hours and 1200 hours, I conducted an interview with the victim at Westport Police headquarters. During the interview, I obtained a four-page, sworn, written statement from her detailing her relationship with the accused, James Lawrence and her complaint of his harassment of her through text and email communication.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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OFFICER ID/NAME

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Grasso, Mark

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9/25/2018 2:19:30 PM

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Supplementary Report - Victim Statement

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Grasso, Mark

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ADDITIONAL NARRATIVE
Westport Police Department

REPORT NUMBER: 2018-019908

ORI# CT0015800

NARRATIVE TITLE

Supplementary Report - Arrest Warrant

On 10/25/2018, I completed an arrest warrant affidavit for James J. Lawrence, date of birth [REDACTED] for the crime of Harassment in the Second Degree in violation of sec. 53a-183 of the C.G.S. The warrant was reviewed by Sgt. Dobson and will be submitted to CT Superior Court in Norwalk (GA #20).

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OFFICER ID/NAME

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Grasso, Mark

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10/25/2018 12:31:06 PM

ADDITIONAL NARRATIVE
Westport Police Department

NARRATIVE TITLE
Supplementary Report

On 11/20/2018, I received the signed arrest warrant for the accused back from CT Superior Court in Norwalk (GA#20). I will attempt to contact the accused and serve the warrant.

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Grasso, Mark

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11/20/2018 4:38:48 PM

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*** DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ***

On Wednesday, 02/06/2019 at approximately 0930 hours, I stopped at the Exxon gas station, located at 1510 Post Road East, where I observed a male with a green hoodie sitting in a silver 2013 BMW 528xi, bearing Connecticut registration [REDACTED] at the gas pumps. I noted the male looking back at me and found it odd that he was not pumping gas, but rather just sitting in his vehicle. I then recognized the male as James Lawrence, whom I had previous dealings with, and entered the gas station (RF 2019-002397).

I exited the gas station approximately 2 or three minutes later and observed that the male was still sitting in the vehicle, but he was not pumping gas, which I found to be an odd place to park. I was aware that Officer Grasso had been working on a harassment case involving James Lawrence. I conducted a DMV query of Connecticut [REDACTED] which confirmed that the vehicle belonged to James Lawrence. The DMV query also showed that James Lawrence had an outstanding arrest warrant, held by this department.

I provided dispatch with the message number, and requested that they confirm the arrest warrant. Dispatch sent Officer Pucci to assist me. I remained in my patrol vehicle and observed James Lawrence enter the gas station. Officer Pucci arrived at this time as a cover officer. A few minutes later, James Lawrence exited the gas station and got back into his vehicle. James Lawrence began to drive through the parking lot, when I decided to effect a motor vehicle stop.

I stopped the vehicle and asked James Lawrence to exit his vehicle. James Lawrence was checked for weapons and placed in double locked handcuffs, which were checked for tightness. Dispatch advised that this department did indeed hold an active arrest warrant for James Lawrence, and he was advised of the same.

James Lawrence was placed in the rear of my patrol vehicle, and his vehicle was later removed by Westport Center Towing. A H-114 form was completed, and James Lawrence was provided with a copy of the form.

James Lawrence was transported to headquarters, where he was processed by Officer Batlin and Pucci, and charged with 53a-183 Harassment in the Second Degree under UAR #6589207, with a court date of 02/07/2019.

James Lawrence's personal property was seized, listed on a personal property inventory and secured in locker #3.

James Lawrence was provided with a written advisement of rights, which he signed.

James Lawrence was placed in male cell #M3, pending his posting a \$25,000 court set bond.

NARRATIVE

OFFICER ID/NAME
04417

Cole, Robert

DATE
2/6/2019 9:36:00 AM

NARRATIVE TITLE
Supplementary Report



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Grasso, Mark

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2/6/2019 11:21:26 AM

NARRATIVE TITLE

Victim Contacted

On 02/06/2019 at approximately 1030 hours, I spoke with the victim by telephone and advised her that the accused had been arrested earlier today and will be scheduled to appear at CT Superior Court in Norwalk on 02/07/2019. I explained that the accused was expected to post bond and be released from custody pending that appearance and that his conditions of release included having no contact whatsoever with the victim. V-1 thanked me and expressed her concern for other potential victims.

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Grasso, Mark

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ADDITIONAL NARRATIVE
Westport Police Department

REPORT NUMBER: 2018-019908

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NARRATIVE TITLE

RELEASE FROM CUSTODY - CORPORAL PAZ 4053

On 02/06/2019 Officer Pucci and I released James Lawrence from custody to Bail Bond Agent Phillip Fodiman on a \$25,000.00 bond. Lawrence was given a condition of release and a court date of 2/7/19.

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OFFICER ID/NAME

04053

Paz, Daniel

DATE

2/6/2019 1:14:38 PM

NARRATIVE TITLE

Supplementary Report - Accused Interview

On 02/06/2019 between approximately 1130 hours and 1215 hours, Officer Pucci and I conducted an interview with the accused, James Lawrence. Prior to the interview, I confirmed that Lawrence had been advised of his Miranda Rights, in writing during processing. (See Notice of Rights form.)

The interview was recorded on Officer Pucci's body-cam and was conducted in the cell block. It was subsequently uploaded to VieVu in accordance with department policy. Lawrence remained in his cell during the interview because of his erratic and argumentative behavior during the arrest and processing. During the interview, I explained that I could not disclose the victim's information however, Lawrence began disclosing information about V-1. He was aware that he was being charged with Harassment 2nd Degree and without provocation, he made reference to his email communication with V-1. He also admitted to having been in an intimate dating relationship with V-1 and the she was a "crazy" and "scorned" woman. He also admitted to communicating with V-1 by email after she had asked him to stop doing so, but justified his actions by stating that he only did so "one time."

"American women are whacked."

During the interview, Lawrence stated several times that his "Life is in danger," because of his prior arrest. He also claimed that there was a cos piracy against him by the Westport Police Department. He also stated "American women are whacked" and that he is a victim of a "he said, she said" incident. (Refer to Officer Pucci's body-cam footage of the interview with James Lawrence.)

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Grasso, Mark

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2/6/2019 1:44:12 PM

NARRATIVE TITLE

Supplementary Report - Victim Contact

On 04/17/2019, at the request of SAsA Vieux, I contacted V-1 and requested that she transmit screenshots of the text message communications between her and the accused's mother. I received the screenshots and forwarded a copy to SAsA Vieux by email on 04/18/2019. I also printed a copy for the case file and attached them to this report.

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Grasso, Mark

DATE

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