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## News Release

## <u>Westport Police Officer Makes Gun/Narcotics Arrest Following a Motor</u> <u>Vehicle Stop</u>

(Westport, CT 11/7/2022) On Friday, November 4, 2022, at approximately 7:05 p.m., an officer on patrol on Saugatuck Avenue by the train station pulled over a vehicle as he had cause to believe the Texas registration affixed to the car was fraudulent. The operator, who was identified as Alexander Martinezcelin, seemed very nervous and the officer observed a white substance on his pants which he believed to be narcotics. Mr. Martinezcelin was asked to exit the vehicle at which point another officer who was on scene saw a crack pipe in plain view on the driver's seat.

During a search of Mr. Martinezcelin's car, suspected crack and powdered cocaine was found. Additionally, items commonly associated with dealing drugs such as small plastic bags, currency in various denominations, and multiple cell phones were discovered. An almost fully loaded .44 caliber revolver was also located during the search.

Mr. Martinezcelin was placed under arrest and charged with the following: Sale of Narcotics, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Weapons in a Vehicle, Carrying a Pistol or Revolver Without a Permit, Misuse of a License Plate, Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Operating a Motor Vehicle Under Suspension, Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Insurance, and Failure to Wear a Seatbelt in the Front Seat.

In addition to the loaded firearm, 31.5 grams of crack cocaine and 11.7 grams of powdered cocaine were seized.

Mr. Martinezcelin was released after posting a \$101,000.00 bond and is scheduled to be arraigned at Stamford Superior Court on November 14.

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