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News Release

Westport Police make an arrest in connection with Sunday Carjacking

UPDATED WITH ADDITIONAL ARREST INFORMATION:

On October 6th, with the assistance of the Waterbury Police Department, Westport Detectives took Garrett Gibbs DOB 04/19/2001 of Waterbury into custody for his involvement in the September 17th carjacking incident following an intense investigation. After securing a warrant for his arrest and utilizing various law enforcement techniques, officers located Gibbs in Waterbury.

Gibbs was charged with the following crimes and is currently being held at the Westport Police Department on a court ordered \$500,000.00 bond and has been assigned a court date of October 16th, 2023 at Stamford Superior Court:

- Home Invasion
- Burglary 1st
- Robbery by Carjacking
- Assault 3rd
- Larceny 1st
- Conspiracy to Commit Larceny 1st
- Robbery 1st

Westport Police Detectives are still working this case and anticipate additional arrests.

(Westport, CT) Earlier today, the Westport Police Detective Bureau arrested a 16 year old juvenile in connection with the carjacking that occurred this past Sunday.

Based on information obtained by the Westport Detective Bureau, a warrant to search a residence in Berlin, CT was secured. On September 18, 2023, the warrant was executed by members of the Bridgeport Auto Theft Task Force, of which Westport is a member, along with members of Berlin Police Department. During this search four stolen motor vehicles were recovered, one of which was the Aston Martin taken during the carjacking. A 2021 BMW 530i that was stolen from Westport on September 16 and used in the carjacking was also located during the search. Finally, a BMW stolen from Ridgefield and a Porsche stolen from Rhode Island were also recovered. Thirty-nine-year-old Derrick McGill, who lives at the home where the stolen cars were found, was placed under arrest by the Bridgeport Auto Theft Task Force but does not currently have charges pending in Westport. He is being held on a \$250,000 bond and has been charged with the following crimes:

- Larceny of Motor Vehicle 1st Degree (4 Counts)
- Conspiracy to Commit Larceny of Motor Vehicle 1st (1 Count)
- Payment Card Theft (1 Count)
- Illegal Operation of a Chop Shop (1 Count)
- Conspiracy to Commit Illegal Operation of a Chop Shop (1 Count)

On September 19, 2023, Westport Police Detectives, the Connecticut State Police Violent Crime Task Force, and members of the Waterbury Police Department executed a second search warrant on a residence in Waterbury, CT. A handgun with an extended magazine was seized. A sixteen-year-old juvenile who resides in the home was arrested by Westport police after evidence linking him to the carjacking was uncovered. He was charged with the following crimes:

- Home Invasion
- Strangulation 1st Degree
- Robbery by Carjacking
- Burglary 1st Degree
- Criminal Attempt to Commit Larceny of Motor Vehicle 1st Degree
- Assault 3rd Degree

Additionally, he was arrested for his alleged involvement in the theft of the BMW on September 16, 2023, and used in the carjacking. The juvenile was charged with the following:

- Larceny of Motor Vehicle 1st Degree
- Illegal Taking of Payment Card

Westport Detectives will seek an order to detain and if granted the juvenile will be transported to Bridgeport Juvenile Detention Center later today.

Chief Foti Koskinas stated, “By utilizing technology, inter-departmental cooperation, and good old fashioned police work, the Detective Bureau in concert with Bridgeport Auto-theft Task Force was able to make rapid progress in this investigation which resulted in the arrest of one of the suspects less than 36 hours after the incident occurred.”

First Selectwoman Jennifer Tooker said, “As always, the professionalism, expertise and experience of our Westport Police Department, was on full display as they worked diligently and rapidly to solve this case. I am also grateful for the assistance from the other State and municipal agencies

and the Task Force who helped bring it to a swift conclusion.” She added, “Together with our public safety officials, we will continue the conversations and daily practices to deter further incidents, and to make Westport a community that remains safe and welcoming for all.”

Westport Police want to thank the CT State Police Violent Crime Task Force, Bridgeport Auto Theft Task Force, Berlin Police Department and Waterbury Police Department for their assistance with the investigation.

Westport Police Detectives continue to work with partner agencies in developing leads to identify additional suspects involved in this incident.

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