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Suspect Vehicle Crashes Following Larceny – Two in Custody

UPDATE:

The following individuals have been arrested and charged after stealing \$390.00 worth merchandise from Stop and Shop and the subsequent crash:

- Garrett Sprouse (45) of New Haven, CT was charged with
 - Conspiracy to Commit Larceny 6th
 - Operating a Motor Vehicle with a suspended license
 - He was released after posting a \$500.00 bond and assigned a court date at Stamford Superior Court
- Hannah Howell (31) of New Haven, CT was charged with:
 - Larceny 6th
 - Interfering with Police
 - Assault on a Police Officer
 - Reckless Driving
 - Engaging in a Pursuit
 - Failure to Obey a Traffic Signal
 - She is being held on a \$15,000.00 bond.

(Westport, CT May 31, 2024) At approximately 1:50 p.m. on this date, Westport police officers were dispatched to 1790 Post Road East, Super Stop & Shop, on a report of a larceny in progress. An officer on patrol was in the parking lot and approached the suspect vehicle in order to take the two involved parties into custody. The male, who was in the driver's seat, immediately complied with the officer's commands and exited the van he was operating. The female, who was on the passenger side, jumped into the driver's seat. As the officer attempted to prevent her from leaving, she accelerated and dragged the officer for a short distance.

The suspect vehicle fled westbound on Post Road East and was quickly spotted by responding officers. These officers attempted a motor vehicle stop, but the driver continued at a high rate of speed. As the suspect vehicle was traveling through the intersection of Morningside Drive, it struck a van that was crossing the intersection.

The female suspect was taken into custody and transported to the hospital for what appeared to be minor injuries. No other injuries were reported.

The accident necessitated the closure of Post Road East for a short period of time.

The investigation remains active. Charges and the suspect's identities will be released at a later time.

Media inquiries should be directed to Lieutenant Eric Woods.

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For Immediate Release Captain David Wolf