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Barnes

On January 30, 2026, Michael Barnes, 47, of Wallingford, a convicted felon, was arrested in connection with a domestic violence incident. Barnes allegedly assaulted an elderly victim, coerced the victim into providing him a check to cash so he could purchase drugs, and fled the residence in the victim's vehicle. While officers were investigating the incident, Barnes returned to the residence and was taken into custody without incident.

Barnes was charged with Assault in the Third Degree on an Elderly Person, Breach of Peace, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of a Controlled Substance. He was initially held on a \$30,000 surety bond set by the Wallingford Police Department.

On January 31, 2026, Barnes's bond was reduced to \$7,500 by a Bail Commissioner. After posting bond, he was released from the custody of the Wallingford Police Department. As a condition of his release, Barnes was ordered to have no contact with the victim and was prohibited from returning to the victim's residence.

Approximately 30 minutes after his release, Barnes contacted the victim by telephone and returned to the victim's residence. Officers responded to the residence and subsequently re-arrested Barnes for violating the conditions of his release. His bond was set at \$50,000, which he was unable to post. Barnes was held and appeared at Connecticut Superior Court in Meriden on February 2, 2026.

