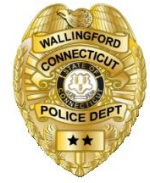




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WALLINGFORD POLICE ARREST TWO FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION INTO ILLEGAL CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SALES

On September 11, 2026, members of the Wallingford Police Department's Crime Suppression Unit, Patrol Division, and K-9 Unit executed search-and-seizure warrants at PuffCity Smoke Shop and an associated vehicle following a two-month investigation into the illegal sale of Schedule I controlled substances.

The investigation began in July after patrol officers responded to a welfare check involving an individual who had suffered a severe adverse reaction after consuming a product purchased from PuffCity. The product was initially believed to be a cannabis gummy.

Further investigation determined the product contained the kratom alkaloids **7-Hydroxymitragynine (7-OH)** and **7-Hydroxymitragynine pseudoindoxyl**, substances classified as Schedule I controlled substances under Connecticut law.

Investigators subsequently developed evidence that prohibited products containing these substances continued to be stored and sold at PuffCity. Search-and-seizure warrants were obtained for the business and an associated vehicle, along with arrest warrants for two employees.

During the September 11 operation, officers seized additional quantities of the prohibited products and approximately **\$14,000 in U.S. currency believed to be proceeds from the illegal sale of controlled substances.**

Two employees were arrested:

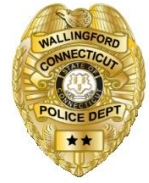
Oguzhan Goktas, 51 of 137 Pheasant Ln, Branford, CT

- Illegal Possession of a Controlled Substance — C.G.S. § 21a-279(a)(1)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell — C.G.S. § 21a-277(b)(2)(A)



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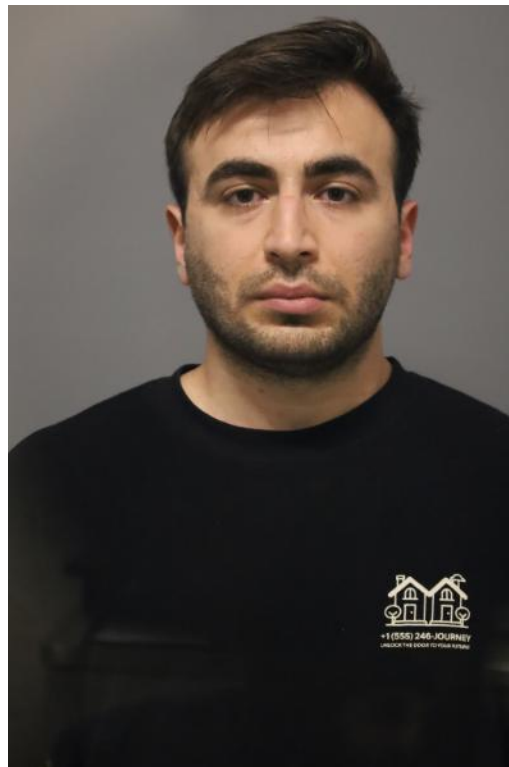
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- Bond was set at \$15,000. He is scheduled to appear on September 24, 2026, at Superior Court, G.A. 7, Meriden.

Baris Alanc, 27 of 40 Angela Drive, Wallingford, CT

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- Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell — C.G.S. § 21a-277(b)(2)(A)
- Bond was set at \$15,000. He is scheduled to appear on September 25, 2026, at Superior Court, G.A. 7, Meriden.

The investigation remains active and ongoing. Anyone with information regarding the sale of prohibited substances at this establishment is encouraged to contact the Wallingford Police Department. Case #2600024605.



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All persons arrested are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.