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ID Theft Arrest in Wallingford

On January 17, 2023, Wallingford Police received a fraud complaint in which someone used the victim's personal identifying information to open an AT&T account and purchase a new iPhone 14. Officers discovered that the victim previously had their wallet stolen from their car in their driveway.

Several days later on January 30, 2023, someone tried to open two credit accounts in the victim's name with two different credit card companies. On February 13, 2023, Officers were notified that the suspect additionally opened a fraudulent account in the victim's name at another bank. On February 13, 2023, someone attempted to take over the victim's bank account at a local branch in Meriden. The suspect tried to obtain a new debit card for the account, presented an identification in the name of the victim, and physically matched the victim's description. The suspect could not provide the necessary information to complete the bank's security questions to confirm the victim's identity. The suspect left the bank without getting new debit cards or withdrawing funds. On February 21, 2023, the suspect purchased two more iPhone 14 Pro Maxes at a T-Mobile store in Meriden. The suspect used the personal identifying information of the victim to purchase both phones. Officers discovered that on January 6, 2023, the suspect used the victim's information to purchase two Bulova watches at Zale's Jewelers in Trumbull.

After a lengthy investigation including multiple search warrants, Detectives identified the suspect. Detectives drafted an arrest warrant for 22-year-old Audrey Bennett of LKA 20 Mountain Road, Woodbury, CT. Bennett was arrested on May 1, 2023 and charged with violation of Connecticut General Statutes 53a-130- Criminal Impersonation (two counts), 53a-129d- Identity Theft 3rd Degree (two counts), 53a-125a- Larceny 5th Degree, and 53a-49/53a-125b- Criminal Attempt of Larceny 6th Degree. Bennett was released on a \$21,000.00 surety bond and was issued a court date of May 15, 2023 at 0900 hours at G. A. #7 in Meriden.



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The Wallingford Police Detective Division conducted this investigation. Please contact us at (203)294-2800 or visit our website with any questions or concerns. Case reference #23-1462.



Audrey Bennett (photo taken on 5-1-2023)

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