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Bethany Man Arrested on Sexual Assault and Risk of Injury Charges

On February 23, 2024, members of the Wallingford Police Department arrested 58-year-old Frank Melillo of 320 Falls Road in Bethany, CT 06524 by warrant in relation to a sexual assault investigation.

On April 25, 2023, the Wallingford Police Department received a complaint of sexual assault through the Wolcott Police Department, which initiated an investigation into Melillo. Melillo was a baseball coach for youth in the area in the past and was accused of sexually assaulting two boys who formerly played on his baseball team around 2010. He resided in Wallingford at the time.

Detectives spoke with two male victims about the incident. The victims were both juveniles at the time and their names will not be disclosed. In short, Melillo was accused of grabbing one of the victim's genitals several times over a specified period. Melillo was further accused of engaging in sexual intercourse numerous times, amongst other things, with another juvenile male over several years. Detectives determined that these acts occurred in Wallingford as well as other jurisdictions.

On February 23, 2024, Melillo was arrested and charged with violation of Connecticut General Statutes 53a-71(a)(1)- Sexual Assault 2nd Degree (2 counts), 53-21(a)(2)*- Risk of Injury to a Minor (3 counts). Melillo was released on two \$50,000.00 bonds (one for each warrant) and will be arraigned at Meriden Superior Court on March 8, 2024.

The Wallingford Police Department's Detective Division investigated this case. The following agencies assisted our investigation: Wolcott Police Department, Woodbury Police Department, and Watertown Police Department. Please contact (203)294-2800 or visit our website www.police.wallingfordct.gov with any further information or questions. Case reference 23-12548.



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Frank Melillo (photo taken on 2-23-2024)