



News Release – Larceny of Library Books

Summary:

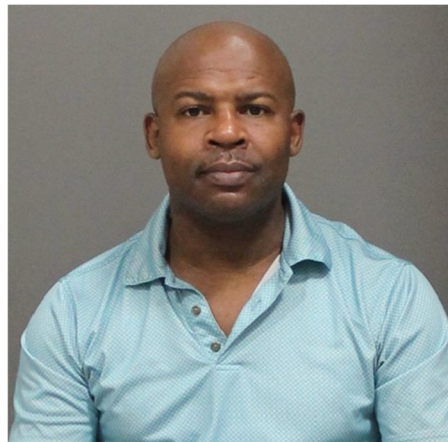
The West Hartford Police Department Detective Division made an arrest after a lengthy, multi-jurisdictional investigation for the theft of \$16,075.92 worth of library books from the West Hartford Public Library. CFS 2300033228.

Details:

On 10/25/23, West Hartford Public Library personnel reported the suspected theft of a large number of library books that had gone missing over the course of several months. The suspect was discovered to have been scanning books with a cell phone to obtain the re-sale value, and then concealing them prior to exiting the library. The suspect was then re-selling the stolen books online through an Amazon webstore. Throughout the course of the investigation, it was discovered the suspect had committed similar crimes in Middletown, CT, Portland, CT, Wethersfield, CT and possibly other towns.

On 07/13/2024, Levi Preston, 8/31/1974 of Middletown, CT was arrested by warrant and charged with the following:

53a-123 Larceny Second Degree



Preston is next scheduled to appear in Hartford Superior Court on March 11th, 2025. This case was documented under CFS 2300033228.

The West Hartford Police Department would like to thank the Middletown Police Department and the Portland Police Department for their assistance in this investigation. Anyone with information related to this investigation is asked to please contact the West Hartford Police Department at (860) 523-5203, or use the anonymous WHPD Tip Line/email at (860) 570-8969 / whpdtips@westhartfordct.gov.

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