



News Release – Sexual Assault Arrest

Summary:

Members of the West Hartford Police Department Detective Division investigated an allegation that a Paraprofessional at the STRIVE Program (Success Through Responsibility, Initiative, Vision and Education) inappropriately touched two juvenile students. The investigation led to two signed arrest warrants, and the arrest of the suspect. (CFS 2500002450)

Details:

On 1/16/2025, the West Hartford Police Department (WHPD) was notified by personnel from the West Hartford Board of Education that a Paraprofessional at the STRIVE Program was suspected of inappropriately touching two juvenile students. Immediately upon receiving the complaint, an investigation was initiated by the West Hartford Police Detective Division. After a thorough investigation, two arrest warrants were sought charging the suspect with a variety of criminal violations. These violations included text messages which were sexual in nature to a student.

On 3/7/2025, the suspect was taken into custody pursuant to two signed arrest warrants associated with this investigation. The suspect, identified as Dean Allen Jones III, 24 y/o of Hartford, CT, was charged with the following:

- Two Counts of CT CGS 53a-73a(6*); Sexual Assault in the 4th Degree.
- One Count of CT CGS 53a-90a(a); Enticing a Minor By Computer.



Dean Allen Jones III 1/27/2001

Jones was able to post his combined \$125,000.00 Surety bond and has a scheduled court date of 3/20/2025 at Hartford Superior Court.

If any member of the public has any information regarding this incident, or other similar incidents, please contact the West Hartford Police Department through the WHPD Tip Line/email at (860) 570-8969 / whpdtips@westhartfordct.gov.

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