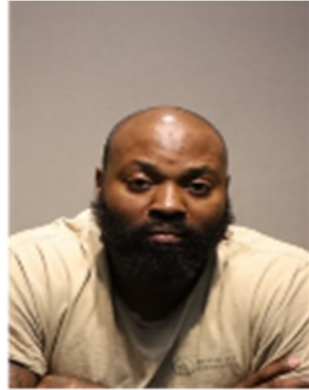




News Release – Fraud Arrest 8/6/2026

On 06/18/25, The West Hartford Police Detective Division received a complaint of fraudulent activity involving a local West Hartford business bank account. The complainant reported receiving a scam phone call from an individual pretending to be a Webster Bank employee identifying themselves as fraud managers of Webster Bank. In the course of the scam, the business lost \$50,000 to the suspect. After a yearlong investigation, the suspect was identified as Junior Astre (41 Years-old) of Loganville, Georgia.



Junior Astre (41 Years-old)
Loganville, GA.

An extraditable arrest warrant was obtained for the following charges:

Identity Theft 1st Degree (53a-129b)
Money Laundering 2nd Degree (53a-277).
Larceny 1st (53a-122)
Criminal Impersonation (C.G.S. 53a-130)
Telephone Fraud 2nd Degree (C.G.S. 53a-125d)

On 08/05/26 West Hartford Detectives took custody of Junior Astre at the Gwinnett County Jail in Georgia and extradited him back to Connecticut for arrest and arraignment.

Mr. Astre was held on a court set bond of \$100,000 cash or surety pending his arraignment at GA#14 in Hartford on 08/07/26.

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