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PRESS RELEASE

Incident Date and Time: 10/17/2022 at 10:57 a.m.

Incident Location: Mountain Avenue at Regency Drive, Bloomfield, CT.

Incident Type: Officer Assaulted/ Motor Vehicle Pursuit

Case Number: 22-29937

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Narrative:

On October 17, 2022 at 10:57 a.m. a Bloomfield Police Department Patrol Officer initiated a traffic stop on a 2006 Black Honda Accord with a misused license plate attached at Mountain Avenue and Regency drive in Bloomfield, CT.. The driver (Rafaelito Ares, DOB 04-02-1985 of 36 Brooker Street, Torrington) refused to cooperate during the stop and drove forward while the Bloomfield Officer was standing by the driver side door of Ares vehicle striking the officer with the side door and mirror of the vehicle. The officer was knocked to the ground and Ares fled the scene in his Honda Accord. Bloomfield Police Officers pursued the vehicle into West Hartford and the West Hartford Police Department was notified by radio. The West Hartford Police deployed spike strips which deflated the tires of Ares vehicle ending the pursuit at 109 Ridgewood, West Hartford. Both the Bloomfield Police Officer and Rafaelito suffered minor injuries that did not require transport to a hospital.

Rafaelito Ares was arrested and charged with crimes including CGS 53a-167c Assault of an Officer/Public Safety Official, CGS 53a-60 Assault 2nd degree, CGS 53a-167a Interfering With an Officer, CGS 53-206 Carrying a Dangerous Weapons, CGS 21a-279(a) Possession of a Controlled Substance, CGS 29-38 Weapons in a Motor Vehicle, CGS 14-215a Operates While License Privilege Suspended, CGS 14-36(a) Operates Without a License, CGS 14-222 Reckless Driving, CGS 14-223(b)** Engaging Police in Pursuit, CGS 14-224(b)(2) Evading Responsibility Resulting in Physical Injury, CGS 14-147(c) Improper Use of a Marker Plate, CGS 14-12(a)* Operates an Unregistered Motor Vehicle. Ares was also processed for 5 active criminal warrants.