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On April 29, 2020, Dashawn Woods was arrested by warrant after a lengthy investigation into fraudulent activity of an elderly person's bank account and credit card account.

On January 7, 2020, the acting Power of Attorney for a resident of Ashlar Village reported to the Wallingford Police Department that in review of the victim's checking account, he noticed an unauthorized check issued to a female unknown to the victim in the amount of \$1760.00. The memo section read, "personal loan". The Power of Attorney further noticed that a Chase credit card was also missing from the victim's wallet.

It was subsequently determined that an attempt was made to use the victim's credit card at the Hamden WalMart on December 27, 2019 for the purchase of a flat screen television. The purchase was denied twice and a third attempt was made to purchase a pack of gum. This too was denied and the suspect purchased the gum with cash and walked out.

On February 7, 2020, the Power of Attorney reported finding two additional unauthorized checks made payable to a female unknown to the victim, one in the amount of \$3470.00 for a "personal loan" and one in the amount of \$350.00 made payable to same female.

Several search warrants for bank account information and video were obtained. Video footage of the attempted transaction at WalMart was also obtained. All video footage showed the apparent same individual completing or attempting to complete the fraudulent transactions. With the assistance of a New Haven Detective, the subject was readily and positively identified as Dashawn Woods, age 31, of 33 Townsend Street in New Haven. Woods later admitted to the crimes. It is unknown who may have stolen the checks from the victim's residence.

Woods was arrested and charged with (3 counts) Identity Theft 2nd Degree, Larceny 3rd Degree, (3 Counts) Forgery 2nd Degree, (2 Counts) Larceny 6th Degree, (3 counts) Fraudulent Use of Automated Teller Machine, Credit Card Theft and Illegal Use of a Credit Card. Woods was released on a court ordered Promise to Appear and is scheduled to appear in New Haven Superior Court on June 15, 2020.