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On March 12, 2019, the Wallingford Police arrested a suspect who was wanted on serious charges stemming from an incident that occurred on February 17, 2019.

On February 17, 2019 at about 7p.m. the Wallingford Police received a call reporting that a black male was repeatedly punching a female in the head while she was on the ground and that he was dragging her on the sidewalk. The location of the incident was reported as the business parking lot of 340 North Colony Road.

As the first officer arrived on scene, he was advised by the witness that the suspect was walking away towards the parking lot of Auto Zone. The officer ran after the suspect while ordering him to stop. The suspect disregarded the officer's orders and ran towards a vehicle. He got into the vehicle, placed it into reverse and backed at a high rate of speed striking the officer. He then looked at the officer and took off at a high rate of speed.

The suspect then lead police on a pursuit northbound on North Colony Road, however, the suspect was not apprehended that night.

Both the victim and the officer refused medical treatment that night.

As a result of the continued investigation, police were able to identify the suspect as Warren Watson, age 29, of 237 Grove Street in Meriden. An arrest warrant was issued for Watson and he was taken into custody On March 12, 2019 with the assistance of Meriden Police.

Watson was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree, Assault on a Police Officer, Violation of a Protective Order, Breach of Peace, Reckless Driving, Failure to Obey Traffic Signals, Misuse of Plates, Failure to Drive in Proper Lane, Operating a Motor Vehicle Under Suspension and Engaging Police in Pursuit.

Watson was released after posting a \$50,000 court set bond. He is due to appear in court on March 13, 2018.