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ARRAIGNMENT REPORT

Created Date : 1/27/2021 6:57PM

Last Update : 1/27/2021 11:31PM

DESCRIPTION

Incident # : 21-02130

Arrested Location : MAIN ST & NONE

CFS # : 902978

Bldg:

Apt:

Floor:

Court Date :

MIDDLETOWN, CT

OFFENDER DESCRIPTION

Name : PEREZ, ROGELIO

Sex : M

Race : B

Age : 36

OFFENDER ADDRESS

Location : 26 WETMORE PL

Bldg:

Apt:

Floor:

MIDDLETOWN, CT

ARREST VIOLATION DESCRIPTION

Statute Code : 14-222
 Violation Code : 14-222 - RECKLESS DRIVING /NOT GREATER THAN 85 MPH
 Violation Code Type : STATE STATUTE
 Violation Count : 1

Law Enforcement Disposition : BOOKED INTO JAIL
 Arrest Type : Taken Into Custody
 Charge Date : 1/27/2021

Statute Code : 14-227b
 Violation Code : 14-227b - DRUG - ALCOHOL AND HEARING TESTS
 Violation Code Type : STATE STATUTE
 Violation Count : 1

Law Enforcement Disposition : BOOKED INTO JAIL
 Arrest Type : Taken Into Custody
 Charge Date : 1/27/2021

Statute Code : 14-236
 Violation Code : 14-236 - FLR TO DRIVE IN PROPER LANE - MULTIPLE-LANE HIGHWAY
 Violation Code Type : STATE STATUTE
 Violation Count : 1

Law Enforcement Disposition : BOOKED INTO JAIL
 Arrest Type : Taken Into Custody
 Charge Date : 1/27/2021

Statute Code : 14-299
 Violation Code : 14-299 - FLR TO OBEY CONTROL SIGNAL
 Violation Code Type : STATE STATUTE
 Violation Count : 1

Law Enforcement Disposition : BOOKED INTO JAIL
 Arrest Type : Taken Into Custody
 Charge Date : 1/27/2021

Statute Code : 21a-279(b)
 Violation Code : 21a-279(b) - POSS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE/ HALICINOGENIC SUB/4OZ MARIJUANA
 Violation Code Type : STATE STATUTE
 Violation Count : 1

Law Enforcement Disposition : BOOKED INTO JAIL
 Arrest Type : Taken Into Custody
 Charge Date : 1/27/2021

Statute Code : 21a-279(d)
 Violation Code : 21a-279(d) - NONSTDNT-DRGS NR SCH/HSG/DY CR
 Violation Code Type : STATE STATUTE
 Violation Count : 1

Law Enforcement Disposition : BOOKED INTO JAIL
 Arrest Type : Taken Into Custody
 Charge Date : 1/27/2021

Statute Code : 53a-167a(a)
 Violation Code : 53a-167a(a) - INTERFERE WITH OFFCR/RESISTING
 Violation Code Type : STATE STATUTE
 Violation Count : 1

Law Enforcement Disposition : BOOKED INTO JAIL
 Arrest Type : Taken Into Custody
 Charge Date : 1/27/2021

ARREST EMPLOYEE DESCRIPTION

Name : DIFONZO, FRANK
 Role : Arresting
 Action Date : 1/27/2021
 Duty Assignment :
 Agency : MIDDLETOWN POLICE

REMARKS

On Wednesday, January 27, 2021 I, Officer Skarzynski was in my marked police cruiser on routine patrol. Just prior to said incident and well after sunset, I was on Washington Street (facing westbound) east of Main Street at the 4-way traffic signal. I observed a white vehicle, later identified as a Volkswagen Jetta bearing Ct registration . The vehicle, also at the intersection was facing eastbound on Washington Street, waiting for a green signal light.

It was dark out and the Volkswagen did not have his headlights turned on. I initially turned my headlights on and off numerous times in an attempt to get the operator's attention, thinking they did not realize that their headlights needed to be turned on. My actions did not initially get the operator's attention. Then, just prior to the traffic signal changing to green, the operator then turned his headlights on, then engaging their headlight hi-beams numerous times before shutting the headlights off.

When the light changed to green, I observed the Volkswagen turn left onto Main Street. The Volkswagen accelerated, increasing speed as they continued to travel in a northbound direction on Main Street. The Volkswagen traveled at a speed greater than the normal flow of traffic in that area. It should be noted that it was rush hour with a heavier volume of traffic and pedestrians on Main Street.

I was able to get behind the Volkswagen as it came to a stop at the intersection of Main Street and Hartford Avenue (red light/traffic signal). The Volkswagen's headlamps were still not illuminated. I activated my emergency lights and siren, in an attempt to conduct a motor vehicle stop. I was about to notify Central Communications with my location when the Volkswagen suddenly accelerated through the intersection with Hartford Avenue, almost striking two other vehicles who had the right of way. I kept my emergency lights and siren on as I went through the intersection. The Volkswagen came abruptly to a stop in the left hand lane, approximately 150 ft - 200 ft in eastbound traffic, prior to the Arrigoni Bridge.

I was then notifying Central Communications of my location when the Volkswagen abruptly accelerated again which caused said vehicle to partially drive over the curbed/grassy median into oncoming traffic. I notified Central Communications the vehicle wasn't stopping and requested more units to my location. The Volkswagen then corrected their direction back into the eastbound lane. As a result of my observation, I was concerned that the operator was having some type of medical issue.

I observed the Volkswagen then swerve violently in and out of the left lane and then come to a stop approximately 30 feet from the Arrigoni Bridge, just prior to the separation of the east and westbound lanes (Jersey barrier/ Sand barrels). The Volkswagen then accelerated in reverse, striking the push bar on the front of my cruiser. I notified Central Communications of the operators actions and requested more units to the bridge. The Volkswagen then accelerated forward, striking the sand barrels. The operator then repeated this again, striking my push bar, then driving forward into the sand barrel.

At this time I observed that the Volkswagen was stuck and could not move. I exited my police cruiser and approached the drivers side of the vehicle. I looked into the drivers side compartment and identified the operator as Rogelio Perez. It should be known that Mr. Perez is well known to the Middletown Police Department and also known to use/ingest PCP. Rogelio had his foot on the accelerator as I could hear the engine revving at a high RPM. I screamed at Rogelio to turn the car off. I was banging on the window numerous times, Rogelio continued to look forward with his hands in the air and was screaming (inaudible). This continued for approximately 30-seconds, Rogelio then looked at me, shut the vehicle off and got out of the car. Rogelio had his fists raised in the air, he appeared to be extremely agitated. Rogelio kept screaming "Do what you gotta do", he repeated this numerous times. I heard responding police units behind me as I drew my CEW/Taser.

I ordered Rogelio to get on the ground numerous times, and said I would deploy my taser if he didn't comply to my commands, Rogelio refused. Rogelio then attempted to walk into oncoming traffic. It should be noted that at this time it appeared as though Rogelio may be under the influence of some type of narcotic, based on my training and experience it was probable that he was under the influence of PCP. Rogelio then turned towards me, and approached me with his fists waving in the air and repeating the same statement "Do what you gotta do". It was at this point that I deployed my taser.

Both taser probes struck Rogelio in the area of his mid-chest. Rogelio then fell to his knees then onto the ground. I ordered Rogelio to stay on the ground and not to move. Responding Officers were then on-scene. Officer's Milardo, Difonzo and Detective Martz assisted in placing Rogelio in handcuffs. Due to his erratic behavior he was initially detained using 2-pairs of handcuffs. I notified Central Communications that I had one person detained. I then removed the deployed taser cartridge and gave it to Officer Jeffries who was on scene. It should be noted that both taser probed penetrated Rogelio's thick clothing but did not penetrate his skin. Officers were not able to locate any AFIDs from the CEW deployment.

Upon arrival Officer St. Peter observed the suspect Rogelio Perez standing outside of his vehicle as he was being detained on the driver side. He was in two pairs of handcuffs. Officer St. Peter placed a single pair of handcuffs on him and removed the two pairs with the assistance of Officer Small. While Officer St. Peter was placing the handcuffs on Rogelio, he could smell the distinct odor of PCP on his person. Officer St. Peter removed the CEW prongs from Rogelio's clothing. Both the CEW cartridge and prongs were later tagged into evidence.

Based on his proximity to the vehicle and the odor of PCP on his person, Officer Small and Officer St Peter searched the vehicle. Officer St. Peter began to search the passenger side as Officer Small searched the driver side. As soon as Officer St. Peter opened the door the distinct odor of PCP got stronger. On the driver side floor Officer St. Peter saw a sandwich bag containing smaller blue colored ziploc baggies containing a black/brown leaf like substance. Officer St. Peter immediately recognized this substance as suspected PCP and advised Officer Small to secure the bag. Officer Small also located a bag with suspect PCP residue in the area the other package was located. No further contraband was located. Officer Small handed Officer St. Peter the substance and secured it in his vehicle. It was eventually transported to Middletown Police Headquarters by Officer St. Peter.

It should be noted that the area where the vehicle crashed and the narcotics were located was approximately 743 feet from Macdonough School, which is an elementary school.

At Middletown Police Headquarters Officer St. Peter tested the substance using a NARK2009 test kit which tests for the presence of PCP. This test was positive. The PCP and packing materials were weighed after being tested. The PCP weighed 2.99grams. The bag with PCP residue was weighed (0.18grams). Officer St. Peter tagged the PCP, the bag with PCP residue and the deployed CEW cartridge as evidence and placed them in secure evidence locker #2 (see Officer St. Peter's supplement for further details).

Based on Rogelio's reckless driving, the motor vehicle accidents (crashing into my police vehicle and sand barrier), erratic behavior on scene, the odor of PCP on his person and presence of PCP in his vehicle, my observations on the Standardized Field Sobriety Test it was determined that probable cause existed to charge Rogelio with DUI. I sent an email to the Middletown IT Department, Officer Batts requesting video footage recording this test.

Rogelio was advised of his rights at 1828 hours. The Implied Consent Advisory was read to Rogelio and he was afforded an opportunity to call an attorney at 1837 hours. Rogelio was requested to submit to a urine test, he refused at 1907 hours. The refusal was observed by Officer Difonzo (see supplemental report for more details).

Rogelio was informed that his valid CT Drivers Licence was revoked for a period of 24-hours and he was advised how to obtain his license after the 24-hour period. He was also given a copy of the Alcotest refusal result.

Rogelio Perez was charged with violating Connecticut General Statute's; 21a-279 (b) Possession of Hallucinogen, 21a-279 (d) Possession of Narcotics within 1500ft School Zone, 53a-167a (a) Interfering with an Officer, 14-222 Reckless Driving, 14-227b Fail to take Sobriety test, 14-236 Fail to Drive in Proper Lane, and 14-299 Failure to Obey Traffic Control Signal (UAR 8878218 and 8878219).

Rogelio Perez is scheduled to appear at Middletown Superior Court on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 0900 hours. He is currently being held at the Middletown Police Department on a \$100,000 Surety Bond.

Officer's Signature

[Handwritten Signature] 10629

Sworn to and subscribed before me. This 27th Day of January
[Handwritten Signature]
(Notary Public)

ARRAIGNMENT REPORT

Created Date : 1/27/2021 12:25AM

Last Update : 1/27/2021 4:52AM

DESCRIPTION

Incident # : 21-01674

CFS # : 902165

Court Date : 04/16/21

Arrested Location : MAIN ST EXT & RAMP

Bldg: Apt: Floor:
MIDDLETOWN, CT

OFFENDER DESCRIPTION

Name : THOMAS, RODNEY

Sex : M

Race : B

Age : 29

OFFENDER ADDRESS

Location : 116 BLATCHLEY AVE

Bldg: Apt: Floor:
NEW HAVEN, CT 06513

ARREST VIOLATION DESCRIPTION

Statute Code : 14-213b
 Violation Code : 14-213b - INSURANCE COVERAGE FALSE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
 Violation Code Type : STATE STATUTE
 Violation Count : 1

Law Enforcement Disposition : SUMMONED
 Arrest Type : Summoned/Cited
 Charge Date : 1/22/2021

Statute Code : 14-215
 Violation Code : 14-215 -- OPN OF MV WHEN REGIS OR LICENSE IS REFUSED/SUSPENDED/REVOKED
 Violation Code Type : STATE STATUTE
 Violation Count : 1

Law Enforcement Disposition : SUMMONED
 Arrest Type : Summoned/Cited
 Charge Date : 1/22/2021

Statute Code : 14-215(a)
 Violation Code : 14-215(a) - ILL OPN MV UNDER SUSPENSION
 Violation Code Type : STATE STATUTE
 Violation Count : 1

Law Enforcement Disposition : SUMMONED
 Arrest Type : Summoned/Cited
 Charge Date : 1/22/2021

Statute Code : 14-227a
 Violation Code : 14-227a - OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS/ALCOHOL
 Violation Code Type : STATE STATUTE
 Violation Count : 1

Law Enforcement Disposition : SUMMONED
 Arrest Type : Summoned/Cited
 Charge Date : 1/22/2021

Statute Code : 14-251
 Violation Code : 14-251 - IMPROPER PARKING
 Violation Code Type : STATE STATUTE
 Violation Count : 1

Law Enforcement Disposition : SUMMONED
 Arrest Type : Summoned/Cited
 Charge Date : 1/22/2021

Statute Code : 53a-167a
 Violation Code : 53a-167a - INTERFERING WITH AN OFFICER SIMPLE ASSAULT
 Violation Code Type : STATE STATUTE
 Violation Count : 1

Law Enforcement Disposition : SUMMONED
 Arrest Type : Summoned/Cited
 Charge Date : 1/22/2021

ARREST EMPLOYEE DESCRIPTION

Name : MURPHY, BENJAMIN
 Role : Arresting
 Action Date : 1/22/2021
 Duty Assignment :
 Agency : MIDDLETOWN POLICE

REMARKS

On 01/22/21 at approximately 0319 hours Officer Brooks and I, Officer Murphy were dispatched to a disabled motor vehicle in the area of the connector between Route 9 and South Main St. Central dispatch informed us that a dark colored sedan was stopped in the roadway.

Upon my arrival to the above area I observed a black Volkswagen sedan stopped directly in the right travel lane on the connector just off of Exit # 13, Route 9 Southbound. Officer Brooks and I turned on our emergency police lights and approached the sedan which was bearing CT Reg: [redacted] Central dispatch informed us that the vehicle registration was suspended due to insurance compliance, and came back to register owner Rodney Thomas who additionally had a suspended license.

While approaching said vehicle Officer Brooks and I observed a black male driver slumped over at the wheel and appeared to be sleeping. We then cautiously attempted to wake the male up by knocking on his driver side window and the roof of his vehicle. It should be noted that the vehicle was running and appeared to still be engaged in drive at the time. We again banged on the vehicle's windows and the male party suddenly opened his eyes and rolled down his driver side window. I immediately requested the male driver to put his vehicle in park and remove the keys from the ignition to avoid any further incident. The male party

who looked disoriented and confused willfully complied and placed his car keys on his passenger seat.

I began my investigative field interview by asking the male party for his drivers license, to which he replied, that he did not have one. The male then stated his name was Rodney Thomas and that he had a picture of his identification on his phone. As Thomas spoke to me I could smell the distinct odor of alcohol emanating from his breath and noticed obvious slurring in his words. Thomas additionally had difficulty staying focused and maintaining eye contact. He appeared very confused and had noticeably bloodshot eyes. At this time I asked Thomas if he knew where he was, and where he was going. Thomas stated that he was in Ansonia and he was attempting to go home to New Haven. It again became very clear that Thomas was severely impaired and had no idea of his whereabouts.

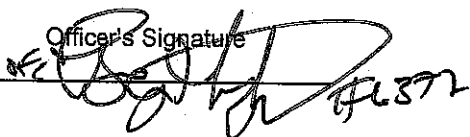
Thomas then suddenly inserted the key into the ignition as I was now leaning into the driver side window in an attempt to prevent any further action. Thomas was able to turn the vehicle on and grabbed onto the shifter to engage the vehicle in drive. Officer Brooks and I struggled with Thomas as we attempted to prevent him from driving away, as I was still partially inside the vehicle. These efforts still remained unsuccessful as Officer Aura Smith and her K9 partner Diezel approached me from behind. I was finally able to remove myself from the vehicle at which point Officer Aura Smith gave several verbal commands for Thomas to disengage his vehicle, and then deployed her K9. This deployment ultimately resulted in compliance from Thomas and we were able to take him into custody. Thomas was evaluated for his injuries on scene and was transported to Middlesex Hospital for evaluation.

While at Middlesex Hospital, I attempted speak with Thomas further however he remained extremely uncooperative. Based on the totality of circumstances including Thomas's slurred speech, blood shot eyes, inability to focus, the location of his vehicle at the time of my arrival, and the distinct odor of alcohol emanating from his person, I developed sufficient probable cause to believe he was under the influence of alcohol or drugs while driving. Due to my diminished rapport with Thomas, Officer Zadjura subsequently responded to Middlesex Hospital to assist further. Thomas refused to answer all questions, and refused to take part in any field chemical testing.

Thomas was positively identified via is DMV blow back photo and subsequently issued Misdemeanor Summons #MC732772 for being in violation of C.G.S. 14-215 (Operating Under Suspended License), C.G.S. 14-213b (Insufficient Insurance), C.G.S. 53A-167a (Interfering with Officers), and C.G.S. 14-227a (Operating M/V Under Influence). As a continuation, Thomas was additionally issued Misdemeanor Summons #MC732773 for being in violation of C.G.S. 14-251 (Improper Parking), and C.G.S. 14-215 (Operating Suspended M/V). Thomas was issued a total \$500 Non surety bond for the above offenses and issued a Criminal Appearance bond which he signed and agreed to. Thomas was instructed to appear in Middletown Court on 04/16/21 at 0900 hours for the above charges, which again he agreed to and stated he understood.

Nothing further.

Officer's Signature



Sworn to and subscribed before me, This 27TH Day of January


(Notary Public)