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ROBBERY SUSPECT CAPTURED AFTER BRIEF PURSUIT

On Sunday, August 27th, at about 5:30 p.m., Trumbull Police arrested Dennis Stewart, 57, of Bridgeport, after he assaulted a security officer at the Westfield Trumbull Mall while fleeing the JC Penney Department store with over \$1300.00 worth of merchandise.

Stewart violently shoved a security officer when they attempted to stop him as he exited the store and ran to his vehicle. Once inside the car, Stewart drove toward another security officer, who had to jump out of the way of the fleeing vehicle. He then nearly struck several pedestrians and other vehicles as he sped out of the mall parking area.

Trumbull Police pursued Stewart's vehicle as he exited the mall via the Main Street exit ramp. Stewart ignored the officers' signal for several miles as he traveled into Bridgeport; officers discontinued the pursuit. A short time later, Bridgeport Police reported that Stewart had crashed the vehicle near Noble Avenue and Hawthorne Street, and fled on foot.

Trumbull Police located Stewart nearby a short time later and took him into custody. Inside the vehicle, officers recovered drug paraphernalia and small amount of a white powder, which later tested positive as cocaine.

Stewart was charged with Robbery 3rd degree, Larceny 4th degree, Possession of Narcotics, Interfering with Police and a number of motor vehicle charges. He is currently being held on \$50,000 bond.

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