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SHOPLIFTING SUSPECT APPREHENDED AFTER BRIEF FOOT CHASE

On Tuesday, November 13, 2018, Police arrested a Bridgeport man after he attempted to shoplift several items from Target at the Trumbull Mall and fled from police on foot.

Robert Lee Ward 43, of Central Avenue, Bridgeport, ran from officers as he was being questioned inside the department store. He was intercepted a short time later by additional officers as he made his way towards the store's upper-level exit. He was taken into custody after a brief struggle and wrestled to the ground by officers. No one was injured during the incident.

Ward had used a pocket knife to remove a cell phone from its packaging and hid the merchandise inside his jacket. He then selected clothing items and batteries from separate sections in the store and secreted these items under his clothing. He was found to have over \$200.00 in merchandise in his possession at the time of his arrest.

Ward was charged with Larceny 6th, Interfering with an Officer and, Possession of a Shoplifting Device. Ward also had an outstanding warrant for Violation of Probation from an earlier arrest in Bridgeport. He was held on a \$50,000.00 court set bond for the warrant and \$10,000.00 bond for the shoplifting. He is scheduled to appear in court on November 21st.

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