

# ARRAIGNMENT REPORT AND AFFIDAVIT

## Warrantless Arrest

JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF Middletown

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CASE/INCIDENT NO 2100007696	ARREST DATE 03/04/2021	ARREST TIME 20:45	PLACE OF ARREST Middletown
ACCUSED (Last, First, MI) Christensen, Melody Jean	DOB	PREVIOUS RECORD	
ADDRESS 630 County Road 219 Centre, AL 35960			

### Charges

1: 53-203 (ILL DISCHARGE OF FIREARM )	2: 53a-54a (MURDER )
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On March 4, 2021 at 2030 hours, Melody Christensen was located at a hotel in East Hartford, CT, and was taken into custody by the Middletown Police Major Investigations Unit on an active arrest warrant, for violating C.G.S. 53a-54a Murder and 53-203 Unlawful Discharge of a Firearm during an incident on March 1, 2021.

Christensen was handcuffed and transported to the Middletown Police Department without incident. Christensen was informed of the charges against her. Christensen was processed without incident and held on a \$1,500,000 cash/surety bond. Unable to post bond, Christensen is scheduled to appear at GA9 in Middletown at 0900 hours on March 5, 2021.

It should be noted the arrest warrant was pursuant to an investigation initiated by the Middletown Police Patrol Division and was subsequently transferred to the Major Investigations Unit for a domestic violence incident that occurred at an address in Middletown.

On March 1, 2021 at approximately 2251 hours, the Middletown Police were dispatched to an address in Middletown for a report of gunshots. Christensen was found inside the residence with a gunshot wound to her upper left chest area. Christensen was transported by ambulance to Middlesex Health Hospital. The victim was transported to Middlesex Health Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. Christensen's description of the incident appears to be inconsistent with witness accounts and information revealed on scene. Christensen has not been previously convicted of a crime. Nothing further.

This report is signed under penalties provided by state law

Signed: /DET. DANIEL C SPEDDING/

Subscribed and sworn to before me a Sergeant in the Middletown Police Department

in the State of Connecticut this 5 day of March 2021

Signed /SGT. WILLIAM M PORTER/

Auth: C.G.S.A. 1-24

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CASE/INCIDENT NO 2100008065	ARREST DATE 03/03/2021	ARREST TIME 19:22	PLACE OF ARREST Middletown
ACCUSED (Last, First, MI) Taylor, Edgar Major		DOB	PREVIOUS RECORD
ADDRESS 58 SPRING ST MIDDLETOWN, CT 06457			

### Charges

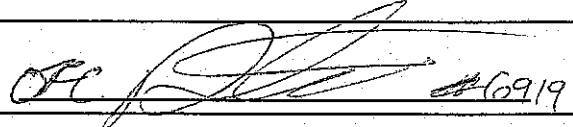
1: 14-12(a)* (OPERATE/TOW UNREGISTERED MV )	2: 14-147(c) (IMPROPER USE-MARKER/LIC/RGSTR )
3: 14-213b (ILL OPN MV WO MINIMUM INSURANCE)	4: 14-215 (ILL OPN MV UNDER SUSPENSION )

On 03/03/21 at approximately 1915 hours, I was traveling eastbound on Spring Street approaching the intersection with St. John's Square. Ahead of me was a vehicle CT Reg. the driver brake light was not working as the vehicle stopped prior to the intersection with St. John's Square. The registration came back to a 2002 Honda Odyssey color grey and the registration was suspended due to insurance compliance. The plate was attached to a blue Saab and I suspected the plate was being misused.

I activated my emergency lights and siren in an attempt to stop the vehicle. The vehicle pulled into the parking lot of its Only Natural Store, 575 Main Street. The operator was identified as Edgar M. Taylor, Taylor stated he was only driving the car to the store and that he was going to drive it back home. Taylor stated the vehicle wasn't registered and he had just bought it. A check of Taylor's driver's license information with dmv records indicated his driving privileges were suspended. A check of the vin number of the vehicle with dmv files showed the vehicle was a 2007 Saab 97x color blue with revoked registration.

Taylor was issued a misdemeanor summons and complaint (#455513) for C.G.S. 14-12a\* "operating an unregistered motor vehicle," 14-213b "operating a motor vehicle without insurance," 14-147(c) "misuse of plates," and 14-215 "operating a motor vehicle with a suspended drivers license." Taylor has a scheduled court appearance of 05/07/21 at GA09 Middletown at 0900 hours.

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Signed:  #4194

Subscribed and sworn to before me a Sgt in the Middletown Police Department

in the State of Connecticut this 5<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH

Signed Sgt M. Angles #4194 Auth: C.G.S.A. 1-24

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CASE/INCIDENT NO 2100006753	ARREST DATE 03/04/2021	ARREST TIME 20:01	PLACE OF ARREST Middletown
ACCUSED (Last, First, MI) Leary, Johnny E	DOB (	PREVIOUS RECORD	
ADDRESS 59 Rapallo AVE Apt. B6 MIDDLETOWN, CT 06457			

### Charges

1: 21a-278(b) (SALE OF CERTAIN ILLEGAL DRUGS )	2: 21a-279(a)(1) (POS CON SUBST OR>1/2 OZ CANBIS)
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The Middletown Police Narcotics Detective held an active arrest warrant for Johnny Leary,

The Middletown Police Narcotics Detective also held a search warrant for Johnny Leary and his apartment at 59 Rapallo Avenue, Apt B6. Case number 21-7047.

At approximately 1959 hours on 3/4/2021, Sgt. Yepes, who was conducting surveillance in the area of Main and Grand Street, was able to see Leary, crossing Main Street at Grand Street. Detectives Peck, Lemieux, and Schreiner, made contact with Leary on Main Street. Leary was positively identified by his CT ID card.

Leary was informed that he had an arrest warrant and was placed under arrest relating to case number 21-6753. Leary was transported to the Middletown Police Department. The Middletown Police Street Crime Narcotics unit then proceeded to Leary's apartment to serve the search warrant. A through search of the apartment was then conducted and an amount of crack/cocaine was located.

Leary was charged with the following in relation to his active arrest warrant. Case #21-6753:

Possession of Narcotics 21a-279(a)(1)  
Sale of Narcotics, 21a-278(b)

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He was held on a \$50,000 cash or surety court set bond in relation to his warrant. He was assigned a court date of 3/5/2021.

Leary was charged with the following in relation to the illegal items found during the execution of the search warrant Case #21-7047:

Possession of less than ½ oz marijuana 21a-279aa1st

Possession of narcotics 21a-279(a)(1)

Possession with intent to sell 21a-277(a)

Possession of narcotics 1500' of a school 21a-279(b)

Possession with intent to sell within 1500' of a school 21a-278a(b)

He was assigned a court date of 3/5/2021 and a \$100,000 surety bond.

Leary was held on a total bond of \$150,000 surety bond.

A Check revealed that Johnny Leary is a convicted felon and has following convictions, from this agency and others; in January 1997, Weapon in a motor vehicle, which resulted in a Violation of probation, in January 1997, Sale of controlled substance (2 counts), which resulted in a Violation of probation, in January 1998, Assault 3rd, Unlawful restraint, Criminal attempt at sexual assault 1st, Sexual assault 4th, Sexual assault 3rd, in September 2004, Possession of narcotics, sale of narcotics, in September 2004, Assault 3rd, In August 2006, Possession of narcotics, Possession of narcotics with intent to sell, in March 2014, Disorderly conduct.

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CASE/INCIDENT NO 2100007047	ARREST DATE 03/04/2021	ARREST TIME 20:01	PLACE OF ARREST Middletown
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ADDRESS 59 Rapallo AVE Apt. B6 MIDDLETOWN, CT 06457			

### Charges

1: 21a-278(b) (SALE OF CERTAIN ILLEGAL DRUGS )	2: 21a-278a(b) (CNT SUB WI 1500 SCH/HSG/DY CR)
3: 21a-279(a)(1) (POS CON SUBST OR>1/2 OZ CANNABIS)	4: 21a-279(b) (NONSTDNT-DRGS NR SCH/HSG/DY CR)
5: 21a-279a(a)(1) (POSS LESS THAN 1/2 OZ CANNABIS)	

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Leary was informed that he had an arrest warrant and was placed under arrest relating to case number 21-6753.

A search of Leary's person was conducted and a large sum of money was found in Leary's wallet. A cell phone was located in his pants pocket and a pack of Newport cigarettes which contained an amount of green/brown plantlike substance, suspected to be marijuana. The items were collected and seized. Leary was transported to the Middletown Police Department.

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search warrant. Utilizing a key to the building, Detectives made entry into the second floor of the building and moved to apartment B6. Once at the door, Detectives knocked loudly and announced their intention to serve a search warrant on the apartment. Detectives waited, prior to making entry, to allow anyone inside the apartment a chance to come to the door. No one came and again, utilizing a key provided by the property manager of the building, made entry into the apartment and found it to be unoccupied.

A through search of the apartment was then conducted. The following items were located in the apartment:

In the kitchen;

13.1 grams of crack cocaine, located by Detective Schreiner

3.1 grams of marijuana, located by Detective Schreiner

In the living area closet;

A rental balance for the apartment under the name "Johnny Leary"

In the kitchen garage;

Multiple "tear bags." A tear bag is a common term used to describe the torn off section of plastic bag that is removed and discarded after an amount of narcotics is sealed within the bag.

A copy of the search warrant was left on the refrigerator door in the apartment. The apartment was then secured and Detectives left.

The amount of money on Leary's person was counted and found to be \$950. The cell phone that was found on Leary's person was found to be an Android cell phone. The phone number that, through our investigation, was linked to Leary and his narcotics sales, was 2. Detective Peck, utilizing a phone from the Middletown Police Department, called that number and the Android phone that had been in Leary's possession, began to ring. The money was seized for future asset forfeiture proceeding, and the cell phone was seized as evidence. The suspected marijuana found on Leary's person weighed 3 grams.

It should be noted that the total amount of crack/cocaine, 13.1 grams, is in excess of what a mere user of crack/cocaine would have in their possession. Crack/cocaine is typically consumed in increments of 0.1 grams at a time and is valued at \$10 per 0.1 grams. The total street value of the crack/cocaine found in Leary's apartment has a street value of \$1,310. It should also be noted that there was one large piece of

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crack/cocaine and five individual, smaller pieces, wrapped in plastic, indicating that Leary had amounts of crack/cocaine prepackaged for street level sale. The weight of the suspected marijuana found in Leary's apartment was 3.1 grams. The total amount of marijuana found on Leary's person and his apartment was 6.1 grams. It should be noted that Leary told Detective Lemieux that he did not possess a medical marijuana card.

The suspected marijuana was seized and using NARK Test kit 2005, returned a positive result for THC, the active chemical in marijuana. NARK test kit 13 was used to test the suspected crack/cocaine and it returned a positive result for cocaine. Detective Peck conducted these tests and has been trained in their use.

Utilizing the "measure distance" feature on Googlemaps.com, Leary's apartment was found to be 1,322 feet from MacDonough Elementary School, well within the 1500 foot prohibited zone. A print out of the map is enclosed within the report.

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All above mentioned narcotics, the cell phone found on Leary's person, the rental document, and the money found on Leary's person, were seized and secured at the Middletown Police Department.

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CASE/INCIDENT NO 2100008241	ARREST DATE 03/04/2021	ARREST TIME 17:44	PLACE OF ARREST Middletown
ACCUSED (Last, First, MI) Held, Lauren Elizabeth	DOB	PREVIOUS RECORD	
ADDRESS 43 Horseshoe LN Middletown, CT 06457			

### Charges

1: 53a-182 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT )

On 3/4/21 at approximately 1744 hours I, Officer St. Peter, responded to a location in Middletown for the report of a domestic disturbance between sister. Dispatch advised that Lauren Held had left the scene.

Upon arrival I spoke with . She stated her two daughters, Victim1 and Lauren Held got into an agreement over giving their dog green beans. She stated that Lauren then hit Victim1 in the arm with a closed fist. She stated the two have a history of arguing and yelling but it has not become physical in the past.

Victim1 stated that she had an argument with Lauren over Lauren wanting to give green beans to the dog. She stated that the two went back and fourth arguing. She stated it escalated and Lauren hit her in the arm.

When Lauren arrived at Middletown Police Headquarters, I walked her to the interview room. She stated she and her sister got into an argument over giving the dog greens beans. She stated the two of them went back and fourth calling each other names and "pushing their buttons". She stated Victim1 went into the basement and she slammed the door. She stated that Victim1 came back upstairs and the two yelled back and fourth. She stated she went to hit Victim1 with a closed fist, but claimed she did not make contact with Victim1. She stated that she intended to hit her but she was unsuccessful in hitting her. She claimed that Victim1 then hit her after she attempted to hit Victim1.

Lauren Held was issued an MSC for violation of 53a-182 Disorderly conduct. She was issued a court date of 3/5/21 at GA09 in Middletown.

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Signed: /OFC. ADDISON ST PETER/

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