

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES  
West Haven, Connecticut 06516  
**ANNOUNCEMENT ONLY**  
**INCIDENT REPORT**



S201303145  
12/04/2013

Original Case Number **2013044744**

ORI Number: CT00015600

**Narrative**

XXX Supplemental Report XXX Detective Faughnan XXX December 3, 2013 XXX Supplemental Case # S201303145 XXX Original Case # 2013044744

That all reference is being made to an original case report that has been drafted by Officer Mathew Jordan who is currently assigned to the Uniform Service Division and has been submitted under original case number 2013044744.

That on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 12:26 PM, the West Haven Police Department received a call reporting that an Asian male was just observed exiting a vehicle which was parked in the Shop Rite Plaza, located at 1131 Campbell Avenue, and said male was carrying some type of long rifle. The caller stated that the male exited the vehicle carrying the rifle and walked through the parking lot towards Ruden Street, in the direction of the University of New Haven Campus, which is also in close proximity to Notre Dame High School.

That several Officers had been dispatched to the scene, including Officer Matthew Jordan and William Ciccocanti were the first arriving Officers. Officer Jordan was able to locate the person who had called in the complainant. That person will hereinafter be referred to as "Complaining Witness". The Complaining Witness pointed out a blue 2010 Toyota Rav4 bearing Connecticut registration 896-XZS, which was parked, backed in, against a fence on the south side of the parking lot. Complaining Witness confirmed to Officer Jordan that she had observed what he/she believed to be either an Asian or Middle Eastern male exit the vehicle holding a long rifle. Complaining Witness stated that the male did something near the rear of the vehicle and then sprinted towards Ruden Street. Complaining Witness described the male as having dark hair and wearing either a blue or black jacket. Complaining Witness also advised Officer Jordan that he/she could see something "slung" over the male's shoulder, but was unsure if it was the rifle or some type of backpack. Officer Jordan relayed the updated information to other responding Units.

That after speaking with the Complaining Witness, Officer Jordan and Officer William Ciccocanti approached the Toyota to make sure there were no other suspects in the vehicle. Upon looking into the Toyota, they confirmed it was unoccupied, and further observed, in plain view, what appeared to be a soft rifle case, folded on the passenger floor leaning against the seat. They also observed four (4) AR-15 magazines behind the front passenger seat. Officer Ciccocanti relayed this information to responding Units and stood by the Toyota Rav4.

That at that point, a perimeter was set up by West Haven Police Officers. Patrol Units and Detectives converged on the University of New Haven Campus, as well as, the surrounding streets and neighborhoods in an effort to locate the male. Due to the potential harm to citizens and the uncertain situation at hand, numerous agencies responded to assist the West Haven and University of New Haven Police Departments in locating the subject and securing the University of New Haven campus. Detectives Faughnan and Fazzino who had responded to the scene were assigned to further investigate the complaint.

That a short time later, Sergeant William Cole, who was part of a team assigned to search the campus, reported that they located a male fitting the description of the suspect. This male, later identified as William Dong, was found to be in possession of two (2) handguns, one being found on his person and the other inside a laptop case in his possession. The two (2) handguns were further identified as a 9 mm Glock 26 (Serial #UTY655) which was loaded with ten (10) rounds in the magazine and one (1) in the chamber and a 40 Caliber Glock 22 Gen 4 (Serial #UKC468) loaded with fifteen (15) rounds in the magazine and one (1) in the chamber.

That after learning that a male matching the description provided by the Complaining Witness was being detained on the University of New Haven Campus, Detective Fazzino transported the Complaining Witness to that location to conduct a "one on one" identification. The Complaining Witness stated that the subject (Dong) detained on Campus did resemble the person he/she saw exit the Toyota Rav4, but he/she could not positively say it was him because he/she did not get a good look at his face in the parking lot. The Complaining Witness stated that his clothing, height and weight all matched the individual he/she saw exit the Toyota Rav4.

That State Police Trooper Tory Marsden and his K-9 partner Titan performed a suspect identification which ended in the area where Dong had been apprehended.

That the Complaining Witness was brought to the West Haven Detective Division Interview room where he/she provided me with an audio digital taped statement. The Complaining Witness stated in substance that he/she had been parked along the south side parking lot of ShopRite, 1131 Campbell Avenue, along the fence line when he/she observed suspicious activity. The Complaining Witness described how he/she had pulled into the parking space, exited the driver side of his/her vehicle and sat in the passenger seat of her vehicle to rest as he/she does on daily basis. The Complaining Witness reported that a short time later, a Toyota Rav4 sports utility vehicle had backed into a parking space alongside his/her vehicle. The Complaining Witness stated that moments

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**ARRAIGNMENT**  
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later, a male exited the vehicle and proceeded to open the passenger side door. It was at this time that the Complaining Witness observed the butt end portion of the assault rifle and the male hurried off walking in a northerly direction behind McDonalds towards Ruden Street. The Complaining Witness stated after the male had walked off he/she exited her vehicle and peered through the passenger side of the Toyota Rav4 and did not see the rifle, but noticed there was a rifle bag in the front seat. The Complaining Witness subsequently contacted the West Haven Police Department and relayed what he/she had observed.

That the Toyota Rav4 is registered to a Zhen Dong of 1336 Stratfield Road, Fairfield, Connecticut. Dong has a valid Connecticut driver's license (op# 018384582) and firearms permit (# 1028882), which both have 1336 Stratfield Road, Fairfield, Connecticut listed as his home address.

That I immediately responded to the ShopRite parking lot, 1131 Campbell Avenue, where I was apprised by Officer Jordan of his initial findings. Officer Jordan advised me that the Complaining Witness observed an Asian male exiting a blue Toyota Rav4 with an assault style rifle hurriedly walking towards the University of New Haven College Campus. Officer Jordan stated that he peered through the windows of the Toyota Rav4 and observed a nylon rifle case standing upright on the front passenger floor leaning against the seat and noticed that there were several assault rifle magazines lying on the second row seat. I then looked through the vehicles window and clearly observed the brown rifle bag and four (4) high capacity magazines. Next to the magazines on the seat was a small white plastic bag, through which I was able to see a long cartridge round of ammunition inside the bag, which I knew through my training and experience to be similar to those rounds of ammunition used in assault rifles.

That based on the circumstances, specifically, that a male had exited the Toyota Rav4, had displayed what was believed to be an assault rifle and that said male was last seen heading in the direction of the heavy populated University of New Haven Campus, officers decided to conduct an emergency search of the vehicle.

That a cursory search was conducted by the Connecticut State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation Bomb Squad members, at which time, said search revealed a Bushmaster 223 assault rifle with a collapsible stock, which was located on the rear floor behind the front passenger seat, and several fully loaded magazines. Said rifle was not in the soft rifle case, which was located empty, folded up on the front passenger seat floor. As a cursory search for bombs was performed, the Bushmaster 223 caliber rifle was made safe. A round in the chamber was removed, so as to make the rifle safe, as was a magazine that was at or near a full thirty (30) round capacity. There was another magazine that was attached to the collapsible stock. Located on the second row seat were four (4) other magazines, which appeared to be at or near capacity, thirty (30) rounds, in addition to three (3) Glock magazines, one (1) containing twenty (22) rounds and two (2) containing fifteen (15) rounds.

The Connecticut State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation Bomb Squad members later deemed the Toyota Rav4 safe and free of incendiary and/or explosive devices. No items were seized from the Toyota Rav4 at this time.

That Detective Casman had contacted the Bushmaster Company and provided an employee with the serial number of the Bushmaster AR15 model # XM15-E2S, serial #ARB14867. The employee advised Detective Casman that the firearm had been manufactured in 2013. The Bushmaster AR-15 model #15-E2S is a banned "Assault Weapon" in Connecticut. The cursory search was documented by Detective Tammy Murray.

That the 2010 blue Toyota Rav4 bearing Connecticut Registration 896-XZS and having vehicle identification number 2T3BK4DVXAW026523, was impounded and towed from the scene by Soli's. The vehicle was followed from 1131 Campbell Avenue to the West Haven Police Department Sally Port by Officer Jennifer Brown.

At 1620 hours, Detectives Viele, Casman and F.B.I. Special Agent Kobelin had interviewed William Dong. Dong was advised of his rights, which he read, initialed and signed agreeing to speak with Officers. Dong proceeded to admit that he was the operator of the Toyota Rav4 and that he had been the one to park the vehicle in the corner of a parking lot, mile from the University of New Haven campus. He further admitted to possessing the Bushmaster AR-15 model #XM15-E2S and leaving it the vehicle as he headed off to campus on foot.

That search warrants for the Toyota Rav4 and Dong's residence, 1336 Stratfield Road, Fairfield, were subsequently drafted and later signed by the Honorable Judge Frank Iannotti.

That William Dong (dob. 01/01/1991) was charged with Breach of Peace (CGS Section 53a-181), Possession of an Assault Weapon (CGS section 53-202c), Transportation of an Assault Weapon (CGS Section 53-202f) and Weapon in a Motor Vehicle (CGS Section 29-38). Dong was held on a \$500,000 bond.

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