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State Rep. Releases Statement About His Second Arrest



Mugshot of Raghib Allie-Brennan provided by Bethel Police Department

Bethel and Danbury, has released a statement about his second arrest in the past 6 weeks on Monday, July 29th on 6th Degree Larceny charges: "This week I continued the process of cooperating fully and taking accountability for my past actions. I voluntarily reported to the Bethel Police Department on a date prearranged with my attorney and the chief of police. This was another step in the legal process, which I am following. I take full responsibility and remain focused on moving forward and making this right."

report that police attempted to serve the warrant over the weekend prior to Mr. Allie-Brennan turning himself in. Mr. Allie-Brennan has a scheduled court appearance this morning, and we will report on that in tomorrow's edition. Below is the complete text of the warrant for the second arrest. The document was sworn out on July 7th, approved by the state prosecutor on July 10th and signed by Superior Court Judge Charles M. Stango on July 15th. The warrant also details the complaint and how Mr. Allie-Brennan was observed and what he alleged to have done in the Bethel Target on June 7th, two weeks before his first arrest on June 23rd.

Bethel Activist Arrested In Danbury For Incident With ICE Agent



Danbury Police have not as yet released the actual charges, but did provide this news release about the arrest of Bethel activist Cynthia Behrens for an incident with an ICE agent in Danbury: Shortly before noon on July 29, 2025, the Danbury Police Department responded to a call for assistance from a federal agent who reported being followed through the city by a vehicle in an unsafe manner.

The driver, later identified as Cynthia Behrends of Bethel, reportedly ran through three red lights while attempting to follow the agent's vehicle and at one point tailgated the vehicle in a reckless manner. When officers conducted a traffic stop, Behrends failed to comply with several requests for basic information, including her license and registration. She instead refused to roll down her window to speak with officers.

Two supervisors and a commander responded to the scene. Officers continued to try and reason with Behrends for nearly 30 minutes without success. With the assistance of the Danbury Fire Department, they forced entry into the vehicle and took her into custody without further incident. No injuries were reported. Behrends was processed at Danbury Police Headquarters and released.

NEWS UPDATES

TRADE DEAL WITH EUROPEAN UNION ANNOUNCED

President Trump announced a trade agreement with the European Union after a brief meeting with EU President Ursula von der Leyen on Sunday at the Trump Turnberry Golf Course in Scotland. The deal, which sets a 15% tariff on most goods coming from Europe, closes days before the looming Friday deadline, when Trump promised 30% tariffs. The deal also involves Europe purchasing \$150 billion worth of U.S. energy and adding \$600 billion in other investments into the U.S.

11 INJURED IN MICHIGAN WALDMART KNIFE ATTACK

Michigan officials are seeking to file terrorism charges against a man who allegedly stabbed 11 people at a Walmart in Traverse City on Saturday. The suspect, Bradford James Gille, 42, began attacking shoppers with a folding pocket knife near the checkout counter before making his way to the store parking lot, where bystanders, including one person with a gun, subdued him. As of Sunday afternoon, two of the victims remained in serious condition. One had been released from the hospital, and the others were listed in fair condition. Authorities believe the victims, one of whom is a Walmart employee, were not specifically targeted.

2nd Arrest Warrant For Allie-Brennan Details Alleged Crime

Affidavit The undersigned affiant, being duly sworn, deposes and says: 1. That, the Affiant, Officer Jack Cardi is a sworn police officer for the Town of Bethel Police Department in the State Of Connecticut since October 20th, 2023, and a sworn police officer of the City of New Haven in the State of Connecticut since April 3rd, 2019. At all times mentioned herein, the above mentioned affiant was acting in his official function as a police officer of said departments. The following facts and circumstances are stated from personal knowledge, observations, and investigation as well as information received from other police officers in their official capacity, from official police reports, and from statements made by prudent and credible witnesses.

wished to make a statement in regard larceny that he witnessed on 06/07/2025. 3. That, It shall be noted that the suspect for this larceny, Raghib Allie-Brennan, was arrested on 06/23/2025 under case number 25-9124. At the time of this previous arrest, Target Security had reported that Allie-Brennan had been observed committing larcenies at Bethel Target by Target Security in the past. The incident witnessed by [redacted] occurred prior to Allie-Brennan's arrest at a time when he was still unidentified by Target but was a suspect in numerous incidents, each for small dollar amounts. 4. That, [redacted] explained to me that on 06/07/2025, at approximately 1515 hours, he observed who he believed to be Raghib Allie-Brennan commit larceny in the store. [redacted] identified Allie-Brennan as the suspect from the arrest that had been made on 06/23/2025. This was observed by [redacted] on Target's CCTV system. [redacted]

the store, and first went to the clothing department. In the clothing department Allie Brennan was observed selecting a Goodfellow bag, a Goodfellow wallet, socks and two shirts. According to [redacted], he then observed Allie-Brennan proceed to the Beauty department, where he observed Allie-Brennan concealing items into the Goodfellow bag that he had selected. [redacted] further explained that he could only see Allie-Brennan's back, however, he observed him making "sudden movements", which made him believe he was concealing items in

5. That, [redacted] reported that the following items were concealed in the Goodfellow bag: One (1) Goodfellow wallet (\$18.00), One (1) Bottle of TheraBreath (\$15.99), One (1) Bottle of PanOxyl wash (\$9.79), and One (1) Bottle of Orajel Toothpaste (\$7.99). The total cost of the stolen merchandise was \$54.55 with tax included. 6. That, [redacted] stated he witnessed Allie-Brennan proceed from the Beauty Department to the self-checkout lane without removing items from the bag. [redacted] stated that Allie-Brennan then paid for some

merchandise secreted inside, but did not pay for the items that were inside the bag. Allie-Brennan then exited the store and entered a Nissan Rogue with the license plate of [redacted]. 7. That, a search of NCIC/COLLECT for [redacted] returns a registered owner of [redacted] with an address of [redacted] in Southbury Connecticut. Bethel Police Computer Aided Dispatch has a call, 23-9336, in which Allie-Brennan is the complainant for a downed wire on his vehicle. That

vehicle had a registered owner at the time of [redacted] with the same Southbury address. On July 7th, 2025 Sgt. May conducted a search of public information and Accurint/LEXISNEXIS; a database research tool of public identity records, which listed [redacted] as a parent for Allie-Brennan. 8. That, [redacted] completed a written statement detailing the larceny that occurred on 06/07/2025. Video footage of the larceny was provided by Target and will be logged into Bethel Police Department Evidence Room. 9. That, as such based on the foregoing facts and circumstances, the affiant Jack Cardi has probable cause to believe and does so believe that Raghib Allie-Brennan of Bethel, Connecticut has violated Connecticut General Statutes and as such a warrant for his arrest is requested to be issued.

MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

- Car Tax Information Meeting Thursday, July 31, 2025 at 6:00 PM
- Bethel Fire Dept Officers Thursday, July 31, 2025 at 7:00 PM
- Stony Hill Fire Department Monday, August 4, 2025 at 7:30 PM
- Board of Selectmen Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 7:00 PM
- Western Connecticut Council of Governments Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at 2:00 PM
- Charter Revision Commission Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at 7:00 PM
- Bethel Volunteer Fire Department Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 7:00 PM

EDITOR'S NOTE:

We have chosen to redact personally identifiable information in the text of the warrant to protect the privacy of others not sought for arrest in this warrant. We remind our readers that all individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. However, since Mr. Allie-Brennan is seeking to have these documents removed from his record and to avoid trial through application for the Accelerated Rehabilitation program this may be the only chance to understand what he has been accused of.

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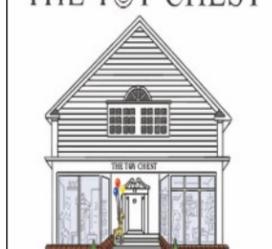
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