

# **WOODBIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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## **PRESS RELEASE September 4, 2025**

On June 20, 2025, at approximately 8:00a.m. Woodbridge Regional Animal Control responded to the area of Carriage Drive in Bethany on the report of a German Shepard, that was possibly injured.

A WRAC Animal Control Officer attempted to secure the roaming dog. The ACO reported that the dog “lunged” at her, knocking her to the ground. Her head struck the driveway. The dog bit her several times in the wrist and forearm.

The ACO promptly summoned assistance from Woodbridge Police, Connecticut State Police and Bethany EMS. Collectively they gained control of the dog. The ACO was transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital for medical treatment.

Detective Michael Luzzi, with the assistance of animal control personnel, conducted a comprehensive investigation, in an attempt to locate the dog’s owner. Investigation revealed that Curtis Torres, 29, of New Haven drove his German Shepard to Bethany and abandoned him. An arrest warrant was submitted and subsequently approved by the court.

On September 4th Woodbridge Police arrested Curtis Torres and charged him with Cruelty to Animals. Torres, who was released after posting a \$500.00 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in New Haven on September 12th.

