

**INFORMATION**

JD-CR-71 Rev. 3-11

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
**SUPERIOR COURT**

Disposition date
Agency number

Police Case number  
**2018-020668**

Agency name  
**Westport Police Department**

**Title, Allegation and Counts**

State of Connecticut vs. (Name of accused) <b>LAWRENCE, JAMES, J.</b>	Residence (Town) of accused <b>WESTPORT</b>	Docket number
Address <b>LKA: 3 LOOKOUT TRAIL WESTPORT, CT 06880</b>		Date of birth
To be held at (Town) <b>NORWALK</b>	Geographical area number <b>20</b>	Court date

The undersigned Prosecuting Authority of the Superior Court of the State of Connecticut charges that:

Count One — Did commit the offense of:	Continued to	Purpose	Reason
<b>STALKING IN THE SECOND DEGREE</b>			
At (Town) <b>WESTPORT</b>			
On or about (Date) <b>FEBRUARY 1, 2018</b>			
In violation of General Statute number <b>53A-181D</b>			
Count Two — Did commit the offense of:			
At (Town)			
On or about (Date)			
In violation of General Statute number			
Count Three — Did commit the offense of:			
At (Town)			
On or about (Date)			
In violation of General Statute number			

See other sheet for additional counts      Date \_\_\_\_\_      Signed (Prosecuting Authority) \_\_\_\_\_

**Court Action**

Defendant advised of rights before plea  
(Judge) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney     Public defender     Guardian

Bond \_\_\_\_\_ Surety \_\_\_\_\_  10% Election (Date) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cash     CT     JY

Bond change \_\_\_\_\_ Seized property inventory number \_\_\_\_\_

Count	Plea date	Plea	Plea withdrawn		Verdict finding	Fine	Remit	Additional disposition
			Date	Now plea				
1						\$	\$	
2						\$	\$	
3						\$	\$	

Date	Other Court Action	Judge

Receipt number \_\_\_\_\_ Cost  IMP  NCI

Bond information  Bond forfeited     Forfeiture vacated     Forfeiture vacated and bond reinstated

Application fee - receipt number if paid \_\_\_\_\_ Circle one **W I Q**    Program fee - receipt number if paid \_\_\_\_\_ Circle one **W I Q**    Probation fee - receipt number if paid \_\_\_\_\_ Circle one **W I Q**

Prosecutor on original disposition \_\_\_\_\_ Reporter/monitor on original disposition \_\_\_\_\_ Signed (Clerk) \_\_\_\_\_ Signed (Judge) \_\_\_\_\_



**ARREST WARRANT APPLICATION**

JD-CR-64b Rev. 3-11  
C.G.S. § 54-2a  
Pr. Bk. Sec. 36-1, 36-2, 36-3

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Supporting Affidavits sealed	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Police Case number <b>2018-020668</b>	Agency name <b>Westport Police Department</b>	Agency number
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		Geographical Area number <b>20</b>

**Application For Arrest Warrant**

To: A Judge of the Superior Court

The undersigned hereby applies for a warrant for the arrest of the above-named accused on the basis of the facts set forth in the:  Affidavit Below.  Affidavit(s) Attached.

Date	Signed (Prosecuting authority)	Type/print name of prosecuting authority
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**Affidavit**

The undersigned affiant, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. That the affiant, Officer Mark D. Grasso #4841 is a sworn member of the Westport, CT Police Department and has been a member of said department since February 26, 2018. The affiant previously served as a sworn member of the Connecticut State Police for 20 years and 6 months. The affiant has received advanced training in criminal and motor vehicle investigations and conducted numerous investigations in these areas. At all times mentioned herein, this affiant was acting in his official capacity as a member of said department. This affiant has personal knowledge of the facts stated herein through his own investigative efforts and the efforts of fellow officers who have reported the results of their investigation(s) to this affiant.
2. That on 09/17/2018, I was assigned to investigate a domestic violence complaint under Westport Police Department case number 2018-019908. That an arrest warrant affidavit was completed and submitted for the accused, James J. Lawrence, date of birth [REDACTED] of LKA: 3 Lookout Trail, Westport, CT for the crime of Harassment in the Second Degree (Sec. 53a-183 of the C.G.S.) for that case. The warrant was subsequently signed by a prosecutor and judge at CT Superior Court in Norwalk (GA #20) ordering the arrest of the accused with a \$25,000.00 court set bond.
3. That on 02/06/2019, the accused was encountered during a motor vehicle stop in Westport, CT and was subsequently arrested by Officer Cole on the aforementioned outstanding warrant.
4. That while investigating the above-referenced complaint, on 09/27/2018, I interviewed and obtained a written statement from [REDACTED]. That [REDACTED] stated that she was previously a tenant at [REDACTED] with Realtor [REDACTED] to look at the apartment there." She stated, "While looking at the property, we went into the basement to check out the laundry area. There is very poor lighting in that basement." The complainant stated, "We were down there for about 15 minutes, when a white male, who I came to know as James Lawrence, appeared from the darkness." She added, "Both [REDACTED] (and I) were startled when he approached, introduced himself as James and began a manic explanation of who he was, that he lived in the first floor apartment, and how he had been living in Florida and California and recently returned to Connecticut to get married and start a family. This was my first uneasy encounter with James Lawrence."

(This is page 1 of a 4 page Affidavit.)

Date	4/17/19	Signed (Affiant)	[Signature] #4841
Jurat	Subscribed and sworn to before me on (Date) 4/17/19	Signed (Judge/Clerk, Commissioner of Superior Court, Notary Public)	[Signature] 4181

**Finding**

The foregoing Application for an arrest warrant, and affidavit(s) attached to said Application, having been submitted to and considered by the undersigned, the undersigned finds from said affidavit(s) that there is probable cause to believe that an offense has been committed and that the accused committed it and, therefore, that probable cause exists for the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of the above-named accused.

Date and Signature	Signed at (City or town)	On (Date)	Signed (Judge/Judge Trial Referee)	Name of Judge/Judge Trial Referee
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**Affidavit - Continued**

█████ stated, "I moved into █████, which is the second floor apartment, on February 1, 2018. As I was moving some of my things in, I pulled up in front of the house on █████." She stated, "I was leaning in through the driver's door into the passenger seat to remove some of my personal items to move them into my apartment. It was nighttime, so it was dark. When I turned around, all I saw was the silhouette of a tall man standing on the porch that faces █████. Then the man said in a soft voice, "Hello █████." He was about 10 feet away from me, but I immediately recognized his voice and knew it was James Lawrence. I remember saying something to the effect of, "James, you scared the shit out of me." He said, "It's OK," and walked down the stairs and past me to his car. I thought he was drunk because of the way that he was walking. He had a very unsteady step. The fact that he was again standing in the dark, watching me, made me feel very unsafe and uneasy. I was so shaken that I left my stuff and hurried into my apartment.

█████ stated, "Early on during my lease at █████ I went down into the basement to do a load of laundry." She stated that she believed that this was approximately in February 2018. She stated, "As I explained, the "Bilco" doors are very old and rusty and are very loud when they are opened and closed. I know that it was nighttime. As I was loading or unloading one of the machines, I was suddenly and without warning approached from behind. Out of the dark, I heard James's voice say, "Do you need help with that?" or something to that effect. I was terrified. Why would someone hide in the dark and do something like that? I turned and looked and saw James Lawrence standing there. The incident scared me so much, that I don't really recall what I said to him. I got out of the basement and away from James as quickly as I could."

█████ stated, "Eventually, during the spring, I resumed doing my laundry at █████ I would wait for James's car to leave so that I knew he wasn't home. I would go down and throw a load of clothes in the wash, leave the "Bilco" doors open, and go for a walk. As long as James's car wasn't there when I got back from my walk, I would go down and finish my laundry. There were times when I was in the basement doing laundry that James would return home. I knew this, because I could see the front of his BMW pull in and stop at the top of the basement stairs. I would immediately get on the phone with █████ and stay on the phone carrying the laundry basket out of the basement and back up to my apartment. James would stay in the car. I don't know if he was talking on his cell phone, texting someone, or what he was doing. I would try to avoid eye-contact with him."

█████ stated, "There was another occasion when I was shopping at Stop and Shop on RT 1 in Westport, near the Southport line." She estimated that this was approximately March 2018. She stated, "I saw James in the store, but tried to avoid him. At one point, I was in the rear of the store when I saw him charging at me. I made eye contact with him and he was staring directly at me. He charged like a bull and just walked past me without saying anything. He knew it was me. We were looking directly at each other."

█████ stated, "There were other things that caused me concern. There was an incident when James repeatedly slammed his front door closed. It lasted for about 45 minutes at midnight one night. I would describe it as an obsessive compulsion. It was manic. It was like Chinese Water Torture. He just kept slamming it over and over again and eventually, he got in his car and left. Every time, he closed the door, he slammed it, usually twice. This time it was repeatedly for 45 minutes straight. I reported this to the █████ the realtor, and she told me that she would call █████. The problem seemed to stop after that."

(This is page 2 of a 4 page Affidavit.)

Date <b>4/17/19</b>	Signed (Affiant) <i>[Signature]</i> <b>H9841</b>		
Jurat Subscribed and sworn to before me on (Date) <b>4/17/19</b>	Signed (Judge/Clerk, Commissioner of Superior Court, Notary Public) <i>[Signature]</i> <b>4151</b>		
Reviewed (Prosecutorial Official)	Date	Reviewed (Judge/Judge Trial Referee)	Date

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█ stated, "On June 27, 2018, I sent an email to the landlord, █ who is James Lawrence's mother. I explained in that email that I wanted to end my lease early because I felt uncomfortable and not safe. The next morning, I spoke with █ and she agreed to let me out of the lease with no questions asked."

█ stated, "I completed my move from █ on July 29, 2018. I had signed a one-year lease, but could not stay there any longer. Over the 6-month period that I lived there, I became fearful for my safety. I was afraid of James Lawrence. I was forced to change my living habits around James Lawrence's schedule. If I saw his car in the driveway, I would not go out for my walk or to get my mail."

█ added, "Considering James's repeated behavior and my belief that he is mentally unstable, I am in fear for my safety and want him arrested."

4. That on 02/15/2019, I conducted a telephone interview with █ date of birth █ During the interview, I obtained a one-page, sworn, written statement from █ within which she stated, "Last year, around the middle of January 2018, I accompanied █ to █ in █ to see a rental property there. While we were there, we went into the basement to see the laundry facilities. While we were in the basement, suddenly out of the darkness, a man appeared without warning. He must have been standing there for a minute or so that we were down there. He definitely startled us. I don't remember exactly what he said." She added, "I felt very uncomfortable." On 02/17/2019, █ came to Westport Police Headquarters to review and sign her statement.

5. That the accused, James J. Lawrence has previously been arrested by the Westport Police Department and currently has a case pending at CT Superior Court in Norwalk (GA#20). That in his arrest warrant affidavit dated 12/23/2017, Westport Police Officer James Sullivan noted, "That in checking this department's case history with Lawrence, I learned that there were 10 case incidents logged from 2002 till present. In all of these complaints Lawrence was seen following the complainants around a store or coffee shop and then following them out to their cars where he would either stare at them or get right into their personal space. In most of these cases, Lawrence was told that his actions scared the complainants to the point of them calling the police. He has even stated himself that he needed to rethink his approach with woman. That I also learned from these reports that there were a lot of other incidents with Lawrence that were not reported to the police."

6. That in addition to the above-referenced victim of the domestic violence case, there is another tenant who resides at █ That I have made multiple attempts to obtain a statement from this other female tenant whom I briefly met with on 09/17/2018 at █. To date, she has not come forward to do so. However, on 09/26/2018 at approximately 1355 hours, I made contact with her by phone. During my conversation with her, she stated that she is concerned for her safety. She stated that she lives by herself and that the accused is "creepy". When I asked her about glazing that I observed on the windows in her apartment, I asked her if she did that to prevent the accused from seeing inside. She responded, "It's to prevent anyone from seeing in." I then asked her if she would have done that if the accused wasn't around and she stated, "No." She stated that there are times that she would be in the basement doing laundry and the accused would pull up and sit in his car. She stated she would stay in the basement as long as she could "hoping he would leave," but he would stay there until she walked out of the basement. She stated that he had to know that it was her in

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Jurat	Subscribed and sworn to before me on (Date) 4/12/19	Signed (Judge/Clerk, Commissioner of Superior Court, Notary Public)	[Signature] 4111
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the basement, because at that time only she and the accused lived at the house and the basement hatchway doors were generally only left in the open position when someone was down there doing laundry. She stated that when she would go out to the mailbox, the accused would "always come out and watch me." She stated, "His presence makes me feel uncomfortable. I don't engage him. I avoid him at all costs. I don't give him a chance to get aggressive."

7. That in his arrest warrant affidavit dated 12/23/2017, Westport Police Officer James Sullivan noted, "That in this case (2017-022937), the complainant would not provide a sworn statement for fear that Lawrence would be able to find out who she was and then be able to retaliate against her. I also learned that in all the 9 other cases that the complainants all felt the same way. That they all feared for their safety and because of this were reluctant to provide statements.

8. That I conducted a criminal history check for the accused which revealed his arrest by Officer Sullivan on 03/05/2018 for Breach of Peace. [REDACTED]

9. That based upon the facts of my investigation combined with the details of Officer Sullivan's investigation, I can say that based on my training and experience that the accused is continuing his criminal activity and predatory behavior toward women. That based on the aforementioned facts and circumstances, I have probable cause to believe and request that an arrest warrant be issued for James J. Lawrence, date of birth [REDACTED] of LKA: 3 Lookout Trail, Westport, CT for the crimes of Stalking the Second Degree (Sec. 53a-181d of the C.G.S.) for engaging in conduct that caused the complainant to fear for her physical safety.

10. That this affidavit has not been presented to any other judge or court.

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Date	<u>4/17/19</u>	Signed (Affiant)	<u>[Signature]</u> #4001
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