



## TOWN OF NEWTOWN

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### *News Release*

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Over the last week there were three altercations which occurred at the Newtown High School involving multiple students, all of which were related (3/16, 3/21, 3/22). School Resource officers concluded their investigation of these three incidents on 3/23/2022 and issued JUV summons to 12 students.

The Police Department's goal is to actively filter most Juvenile cases through various restorative and creative avenues, however, due to the particularly aggressive nature of all incidents it was deemed appropriate to apply Juvenile charges in addition to whatever consequences the School saw fit. In all incidents, multiple Juveniles were issued a Juvenile Summons for 53a-181, Breach of Peace, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. One Juvenile was also charged with 53a-61, Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.

Our investigation also indicated that though multiple avenues of reporting and support for peer to peer conflict exist and are made widely available to students, the Juveniles involved chose not to take advantage of those resources.

CT law prohibits public identification of Juveniles charged, and I encourage parents who may have knowledge of these incidents to use the utmost discretion in sharing details with others in the interest of protecting the privacy of Juveniles involved and allowing them to learn and grow from their experiences without undue public condemnation. It is the goal of the Newtown Police Department, and the Newtown Community, to support our young people and foster an environment of growth and learning, even when they make mistakes.

The Police Department and Board of Education are committed to working as a cohesive team in support of the best interests of all students.

-Ofc. W. Chapman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'D. Kullgren 072'.

David M. Kullgren, Chief of Police