

Man charged in Connecticut mall shooting

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A 19-year-old man was charged with assault and weapons crimes after he allegedly shot five people at a Connecticut mall during a dispute, authorities said Wednesday.

Tajuan Washington, who was free on \$20,000 bail on unrelated motor vehicle charges, drove to police headquarters while officers were surveilling him and surrendered following Tuesday’s shooting at the Brass Mill Center in Waterbury, city Police Chief Fernando Spagnolo said during a news conference.

The injuries were not life-threatening, officials said.

The shooting shortly after 4:30 p.m. sent mall patrons scrambling for safety. Dozens of law enforcement officers responded and searched the mall for hours. Police identified Washington on security video, seeing him leave the mall and drive away, then surveilled his home, Spagnolo said.

Washington was ordered detained on \$2 million bond as he was arraigned in court Wednesday on charges including first-degree assault, criminal use of a weapon, illegal discharge of a firearm and risk of injury to children.

His lawyer, public defender Justin Chan, said he believed Washington was defending himself and added Washington



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Suspect Tajuan Washington, with public defender Justin Chan, during his arraignment Wednesday in Waterbury Superior Court and has been charged with assault and weapons crimes in a shooting at the Brass Mill Center on Tuesday afternoon in Waterbury, Conn.

had been traumatized by losing a relative to gun violence. Chan also said there were no convictions on Washington’s record.

Lawrence Adler, a lawyer for Washington on the motor vehicle charges that include interfering with police, said Washington denies those allegations and called the case insignificant. He said he did not know much about the mall shooting.

“There’s nothing about his past to lead anyone to say this kid’s on a path to hurting people,” Adler said.

Waterbury Mayor Paul Pernerewski Jr. said three people have been discharged from the hospital and two were still being treated. The person most seriously injured, a woman who was shot in the spine, had regained some feeling in her extremities, and officials were hoping she isn’t permanently paralyzed, he said.

Washington and a man who was with four

young women got into a dispute, and Washington pulled a pistol, Pernerewski said.

“It was in effect two young men who knew each other, had a history and a past,” the mayor said.

The city was shaken but not broken, Pernerewski said.

“This is a strong city, and we are very much standing together in times of crisis,” he said. “We support and we care for one another.”

Spagnolo did not release details of the dispute, saying it was not entirely clear but police had some idea what it was about.

Spagnolo said evidence indicated the shooter used a .40-caliber handgun, which had not been found. Police with a search warrant seized two rifles and found ammunition at Washington’s home that matched ammunition at the mall, Spagnolo said.

Police surveilling Washington’s home followed him as he drove to police headquarters

to report he had been involved in the dispute, Spagnolo said.

It was shocking that a dispute that might have just been a fistfight became a shooting instead, Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont said at the news conference.

“Someone pulls out a semiautomatic and shoots seven rounds and badly wounds five people like that — just like that,” Lamont said.

Police and witnesses described the chaos of people crying and running, others locking themselves inside areas of the mall, and swarms of police searching for the shooter.

Jayvon Turner told WFSB-TV that one of the victims was bleeding heavily. “It was crazy, and I tried to tell everybody to get out of there,” he said.

Court records show Washington was accepted into a probation program earlier this year for another set of charges, which have been sealed from public view under the state law for that program, which is generally for first-time offenders.

In October, local media reported that Washington was arrested by state police on allegations of driving more than 100 mph on Interstate 84 in Southington. State police said Washington sped away from a trooper who tried to pull him over, and the trooper ended the pursuit for safety reasons. He was later arrested when police traced the speeding car’s registration to his home, troopers said.

ton Children’s Museum; the first 100 children who visit the museum get free admission.

June 7

- Visit Heritage Farm Village and Museum, 3300 Harvey Road. Admission discounted.
- MessFest at Huntington Children’s Museum.
- KidsArt at the Huntington Museum of Art.

- Good Time Kids’ Show, Foundry Theater, 800 Fifth Ave. Admission is \$10 for adults, free for children.

June 8

- Science Celebration, Huntington Children’s Museum, free.
- Outdoor Train Museum Exploration, 14th Street West and Memorial Boulevard.

Emilie Hilton 1979-2025

Emilie Hilton, a beloved mother, daughter, sister, partner, and Christian, passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of faith, love, and devotion to her family. Born to Fred and Judy Hilton of Wayne, WV, Emilie was a cherished sister to Ben Hilton of Columbus, OH and a proud graduate of Wayne High School and the University of Kentucky. Emilie's greatest joy was her family.

She is survived by her daughters, Naomi and Sophia, her son, Tre, and her daughter-in-law, Vannah who all reside in Ashland, KY. She was eagerly awaiting the birth of her first grandchild. Emilie shared her last year with her partner, and the love of her life, Rob Archer, whose presence brought her immense happiness. She also loved his daughters Macy and Molly as if they were her own. As a woman of deep faith she was a member of Ceredo Church of Christ. Emilie lived for her children, cheering them on at every sports event with unmatched enthusiasm. Her love

extended to her dogs, her loyal companions who filled her life with joy. Emilie's warmth, kindness, and unwavering support touched everyone she met.

A celebration of Emilie's life will be held 12:00 P.M., Friday, May 30th 2025 at First United Methodist in Huntington, WV with David Roach officiating. Interment will follow at Spring Hill Cemetery, Huntington, WV. Visitation will be 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., Friday, May 30th 2025 at First United Methodist in Huntington, WV.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Huntington Cabell Wayne Animal Control Shelter. Emilie's light will continue to shine through her family and the countless lives she touched. She will be deeply missed but forever remembered. Ferrell-Chambers Funeral Home, Huntington, WV are entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.ferrell-chambersfuneralhome.com.



Joyce Marcum Phillips 1928-2025

Joyce Marcum Phillips, born in Crum, WV, March 26, 1928, to the late Auxier and Bertie Lakin Marcum.

Mrs. Phillips was preceded in death by her husband, Charles E. Phillips; brother Auxier (Beulah) Marcum; stepson, Richard Phillips. Mrs. Phillips was a member of Temple Baptist Church.

Surviving is her stepdaughter, Cheryl (Charles) Douglas; stepson, Greg (Dahlia) Phillips; niece Judy (Gary) Maynard) two great-nieces and one

great-nephew, three great-great-nieces and one great-great-nephew; six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of Flowers, donations are suggested to Mountain Missions. Funeral services will be at 1:00 P.M., Friday, May 30, 2025, at Temple Baptist Church. Visitation will be from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., Friday, at the Church. Carman Funeral Home is caring for arrangements.



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Regatta at the Marshall Rec Center (registration required).

- Soil Art and Colors, Salt Rock and Milton libraries.
- All-day Cardboard Creations at the Huntington Children’s Museum.
- An evening Lego Competition, Hunting-

Unity In Our Community worship night continues at Summit

STAFF REPORT

SUMMIT Unity In Our Community — a monthly worship event that brings attendees of var-

ious churches together — continues this Sunday, June 1, at Summit Church of the Nazarene.

Unity In Our Community started in 2024,

inspired by Acts 4:32 — “All the believers were on in heart in mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.”

Each month, a different church hosts a typically hour-long worship service featuring praise teams from those particular churches.

Several area churches have participated, including Grace Nazarene, Wildwood Church of

God, Kings Way Church, Christ Temple and Gateway Church.

Unity In Our Community’s worship night at Summit will begin on Sunday at 6 p.m. All are invited. The service will be live-streamed on the Summit Nazarene YouTube channel.

If your church is interested in hosting a Unity In Our Community worship night, contact Andrea Morgan at auntdeemorgan@gmail.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

To all interested citizens of Boyd County, Kentucky:

The Kentucky Department for Local Government is accepting application materials under the Recovery Housing Program (RHP). Pathways, Inc. intends to apply for assistance to develop residential and/or transitional housing for individuals with a substance use disorder and/or substance use disorder recovery at 1200 Bath Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky. Pathways, Inc. will hold a public hearing prior to the submission of the pre-submission form. The public hearing will be held on Friday, May 30, 2025, at 3pm at the Pathways Residential Recovery Unit – East, 201 22nd Street, Ashland, Kentucky. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain views on Recovery Housing and community development needs, review proposed activities, review the proposed application, and solicit public comments.

The following information concerning the Recovery Housing Program is available for public inspection at Residential Recovery Unit – East, 201 22nd Street, Ashland, Kentucky during regular business hours (8:30am-5:00pm):

- Amount of funds available and range of activities that may be undertaken.
- Estimated amounts of funds proposed to be used for activities benefiting persons of low and moderate income.
- A summary of other important program requirements.

Comments on Application

A copy of the RHP Pre-submission application material will be on file at Pathways, Inc., 201 22nd Street, Ashland, Kentucky, for citizens’ review and comment during regular business hours (8:30am-5:00pm) from Wednesday, May 21, 2025, through Friday, May 30, 2025. Comment on the proposed application may be submitted to the attention of William F. Bottoms, Esq., until the close of business Friday, May 30, 2025.

Discrimination Clause

Pathways, Inc. does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, or disability, and provides, upon request, reasonable accommodation, including auxiliary aids and services, to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in all services, programs, and activities. Any persons requiring special needs assistance should contact William F. Bottoms at 1-606-329-8588, extension 4045 at least five days prior to the meeting. The TDD number for the hearing impaired is 7-1-1 or, for voice to TDD, call 1/800-648-6057. For TDD to voice, call 1/800-648-6056.

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Boyd County Career and Technical Center is in search of the equipment listed below. If your company sells this equipment and you would like to be submit a bid, please pick up a bid response form from BCPS District Office or Boyd County CTC and return it by 3:00pm on 06/13/25 to the Boyd County Board of Education, 1104 Bob McCullough Drive, Ashland, KY 41102. Interested vendors can contact the Boyd County CTC at 606-928-7120 for specifications.

For Industrial Maintenance:

Laser Alignment Tool
Alignment Jig with Dial Indicators
Electrical, Hydraulic, Pneumatic Trainers

For Agriculture:

Flat Filler
Bovine Injection Simulator
Steel Pesticide Cabinet

For Construction:

Industrial Planer, jointer, router table, bead blaster, safety saw, and dust collection.

For Family Science:

Long arm Stationary Machine
Embroidery Machine

For Health Science:

CPR Training Equipment
Anatomy Table

Industrial Shop Spaces:

Fork Lift

General Purpose:

7-9 Passenger Van

The Boyd County School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to award multiple bids.

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