

## Robbery Charges Filed Related To Sept. Party

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SIMSBURY -- A 19-year-old Windsor man was arraigned Wednesday in connection with the robbery of several teenagers at a private party in September on Talcott Mountain Road.

Michael S. Wagner, of 57 Strawberry Hill Road, was arraigned in Superior Court in Enfield on nine charges including first-degree robbery, second-degree larceny, first-degree unlawful restraint and second-degree threatening. His bail was set at \$75,000, and he is expected to return to court Dec. 5, according to court officials.

Police began looking into the Sept. 9 party - in which alcohol was apparently consumed - after receiving a report the day after the event. During the initial investigation, police said, the teenagers who were robbed and some of their parents declined to make a complaint because they feared the teens could face arrest on alcohol violations or retribution from the robbery suspects.

Police were concerned that parents were not more forthcoming, considering the potential for violence during the robbery.

"Nobody got hurt," Capt. Peter P. Sevetz Jr. said. "On one hand, you can rationalize why a 16- or 17-year-old might not report it to police. But you think the parents or adults could realize the potential volatility of an armed robbery occurring in the home."

A victim eventually made a formal complaint, police said.

Sevetz said in addition to Wagner's arrest Tuesday, another warrant has been issued and the police department is looking into the alleged underage drinking. Sevetz anticipates investigators will apply for additional arrest warrants. He said the homeowners where the party took place were out of town and unaware their child was hosting a party.

The incident occurred as the party was ending about 11:45 p.m, police said. One of the partygoers displayed a handgun and took about \$350 in cash and some cellphones valued at about \$500. Wagner was identified as being with the individual who displayed the handgun, according to the arrest warrant affidavit.

Wagner told police he was getting ready to leave the party, when someone who came with him pulled out a gun and demanded money and cellphones, according to the affidavit. Wagner maintained he did

not participate in the robbery or profit from it.

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