Currently ZERO ambulances available for Harwinton residents... why????? Because they’re BOTH tied up at Burlington. Burlington is out on 2 calls, NH Ambulance is on a call leaving Litchfield to cover Litchfield, Northfield and Harwinton.

This is a crisis!!!

On Tue, May 9, 2023 at 08:14 Aaron Franzi <aaron.franzi@harwintonems.org> wrote:

Good Morning!

In light of todays news release, I will be speaking with the DCF commissioner in the coming days. This article is not going to sit well with tax payers knowing sex trafficking is happening in quiet Harwinton on [redacted], next to homes with property values well over $500,000. In my years of absence from social media I am reassured that Harwinton Happenings continues to be the new source of many residents!

My goal will be to have a sit down face to face with Commissioner Dorantes, currently scheduling a call to her office as we. I’d invite all parties to attend, it’s obvious that Ken didn’t do anything and he underestimated a small town Deputy EMS Chief.

Great Job to our partners in Law Enforcement for this arrest. Once again, proven why our CSP and Resident Troopers provide key services to protect our residents!

Aaron

On Thu, May 4, 2023 at 16:09 Aaron Franzi <aaron.franzi@harwintonems.org> wrote:

All,

I write this e-mail with a large amount of frustration.

Be advised we filed another DCF complaint today. Tyler Reginatto arrived on scene to find a female who had self harmed 3 days prior... Staff was not aware that she was doing even though they had face to face contact with her. Over THREE DAYS they failed to notice a juvenile with self inflicted injuries, this makes me sick to my stomach knowing that DCF fails to protect these girls and we have our hands tied! The girl today stated she doesn't feel safe because the other girls destroyed her property the other day and staff's solution was to move her bedroom... in the same home with the same roommates. Picture this: A 15 year old young lady removed from family due to poor living conditions/physical and sexual abuse and we move her to a home where strangers beat each other and destroy all that she has left?
How can I file a DCF report against another family in town, for something less severe and DCF immediately handles it? But they allow further emotional and physical abuse at a shelter they apparently oversee...

If the next attempt with DCF is not successful, I will be reaching out to the Harwinton Representative and my own State Rep to take things to the next level. My crews have been threatened in the recent past about "over reporting" by DCF... HAA and our attorney will stand behind our members. We have been directed by OEMS to follow all mandated reporter laws regardless of where it's taking place. Maybe as a group we need to escalate to the media? **No one deserves to be abused especially under the state's discretion.**

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Cops: Man sought sex with minors

City man solicited girls from group home, warrant alleges

BY BRIGITTE RUTHMAN
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TORRINGTON — A 41-year-old Waterbury man accused of soliciting sex from juveniles at a Harwinton group home for girls operated by the state's Department of Children and Families was ordered held Monday on $300,000 bond.

Angel Rivera, of 18 Simsbury St., Waterbury, is accused of enticing a minor and commercial sexual abuse of a minor, a sex trafficking charge.

Rivera appeared before Judge Chris Pelosi in Superior Court with cuts to his face, injuries said to have been suffered in an unrelated criminal incident in Waterbury, where police identified him as wanted on the outstanding warrant.

Included in a 20-page warrant are portions of some of the alleged extensive texting between Rivera and one of two juveniles he is accused of soliciting. The two exchanged demands for a planned sexual encounter; Rivera professed his love and wanted to meet inside, where he could be comfortable rather than the back seat of a car. The juvenile, who was 16, demanded safe sex in addition to an agreed upon $780.

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ARREST: Sent messages to girls

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Another juvenile female told police Rivera had been "pimping" multiple girls for sex soon after connecting with them through social media. He told police he didn't know how old the girls were and that they could have lied about their ages.

"Rivera had been sending out random messages to girls on social media then waited for a response," the warrant for his arrest stated. "Juvenile girls and at-risk girls residing in the state run group homes are considered more vulnerable to adults who are looking to exploit them. Juvenile girls lack the necessary parental guidance and maturity to fend off predatory advances with the promise of gifts and money."

When police took him into custody, Rivera was offered a chance to make one phone call before his cellphone was seized. Instead, they claim he attempted to erase evidence of his connection with the girls. The phone was placed in a secure containment device known as a Faraday bag which preserves evidence by preventing the manipulation of data from a remote location.

The Harwinton: STAR home is the state's only short term assessment and respite home for girls that provides short term care, evaluation and a range of clinical and nursing services to children and adolescents removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect or other high risk circumstances.