WL rape defendant’s lawyer says situation consensual

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The lawyer for a 43-year-old former state trooper charged with sexually assaulting an 81-year-old woman at a Windsor Locks hotel Friday said Monday that his client feels strongly about his innocence, and maintains that “if anything did happen, it was a consensual situation.”

Jeffrey Laporto of 14 Michelle Lane in Windsor was charged Friday with two counts of first-degree sexual assault and a single count of first-degree unlawful restraint after Windsor Locks police officers responded to a call that an elderly woman had been sexually assaulted at a hotel.

ROAD RACE TRIBUTE

Volunteers install one of 12 runner statues that will be on display in downtown Manchester until just before the Thanksgiving Day Manchester Road Race. The volunteers are David Sposito, foreground; John Paria, left; and his son, James, right.

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Schools seek $2.25M security work

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Manchester - The Board of Education has passed a mandation to bond $2.25 million that would go toward security-related upgrades.

The upgrades are the result of recommendations by a task force and all school buildings in March 2013 following the Newtown shootings.

In order to protect students, school officials have kept much of the details...