



**John Regan of Waterbury faces attempted kidnapping charges in New York. Police in three states are investigating if he has committed other similar crimes.**

# Suspect faces indictment in N.Y.

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**WATERBURY** — While a grand jury in New York hears allegations that John Regan tried to abduct a 17-year-old girl, police in three states continue to investigate whether Regan has committed other similar crimes.

Regan, 49, was arrested on Halloween and charged with

trying to drag the high school senior into his van from her school's parking lot in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Police charged Regan with attempted kidnapping, a felony.

The grand jury convened last Wednesday and will continue hearing evidence this week, according to Saratoga County District Attorney James A. Murphy III. In New York, a person charged with a felony must be

indicted by a grand jury before the case goes to trial.

Murphy said the grand jury, which meets in secret, will likely indict Regan.

It would be the fourth time Regan, the married father of three from a prominent Waterbury family, has been charged with a crime against a woman since last summer.

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Waterbury police had arrested Regan in August 2004 and charged him with trying to sexually force himself onto a 21-year-old. Police said Regan worked with the woman and had offered her a ride to the office, but instead took her to his father's Fleming Street home and tried to assault her.

After that arrest, Regan submitted to a DNA test that police said linked him to a notorious 1993 rape case.

In that case, a woman, whose husband was out of town for the first time in 13 years, was raped after an intruder entered her home and bound her.

The officers who initially handled the case accused the victim of lying to cover up an affair. She filed a lawsuit against the department and won \$190,000 in damages.

Ultimately, it led the department to change the way it handles sexual assault cases.

Two weeks ago, Waterbury police searched Regan's Euclid Avenue home after he was arrested in New York.

Police said they found film that showed Regan stalked and took photographs of the 21-year-old woman he was charged with trying to assault in August 2004.

Regan, who is being held without bail in New York, is currently at Marcy Correctional Facility, a state prison with a psychiatric ward, according to Saratoga County District Attorney Murphy. Regan tried to hang himself with a bed sheet in a jail cell days after in his arrest in New York.

Murphy said Regan is being evaluated for depression and expects he will be deemed fit to stand trial.

Police in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York continue to investigate whether Regan is involved in missing person, sexual assault or homicide cases.

State police in Massachusetts have come to Waterbury to investigate whether Regan is involved in the unsolved abduction of Molly Bish, a 16-year-old girl who disappeared

## REGAN TIMELINE

**August 2004:** John Regan is arrested and charged with unlawful restraint. Police allege Regan assaulted a 21-year-old co-worker, but she managed to escape. That charge carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

**October 2004:** Results of a DNA test link Regan to a notorious 1993 rape case. That case changed the way Waterbury police handle sex assault cases. The victim sued the department for accusing her of lying about the rape to mask an affair. She won \$190,000 in damages.

**November 2004:** Regan is charged with kidnapping in the 1993 case because the statute of limitations on rape had run out six years before his arrest. He faces up to 60 years if convicted. He is freed on bonds totaling \$375,000.

**Oct. 31, 2005:** Regan is arrested in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., after police allege he tried to drag a 17-year-old girl into his van. Regan is charged with kidnapping, which carries a maximum prison term of 15 years.

**Nov. 3, 2005:** Waterbury police charge Regan with stalking the alleged victim from his August 2004 arrest. Police say Regan took photographs of the woman outside her office in Cheshire without her knowledge.

**Nov. 3, 2005:** Regan tries to commit suicide while in jail in Saratoga Springs. He is later moved to a state hospital with a psychiatric ward where he is evaluated for depression.

**Nov. 9, 2005:** A grand jury in New York begins hearing evidence related to his arrest in Saratoga Springs.

in 2000 from a pond in Warren, Mass., where she worked as a lifeguard, police said.

Regan has not been charged with or named as a suspect in any other crimes.