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Manchester Man's Bail Is Doubled In Glastonbury Domestic Violence Incidents

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A man arrested by Glastonbury police five times in the past six weeks on domestic violence-related charges saw his bail doubled at the arraignment for his latest arrest Monday in Superior Court.

John Whittaker, 51, was held over the weekend on \$250,000 cash bail, meaning he had to post cash to be released. A judge increased his bail to \$500,000 Monday, but gave him the option of paying a bail bondsman to get him out. As of Monday afternoon, Whittaker had not posted bail.

On Friday, Glastonbury police charged Whittaker, of Bella Vista Lane, Manchester, with four counts of criminal violation of a protective order and two counts of first-degree stalking. Police obtained an arrest warrant for those charges after arresting Whittaker on Dec. 6, when he was charged with stalking his girlfriend while she gave a statement at Glastonbury police headquarters, saying that he had harassed her.

The woman looked out of a police department window and saw Whittaker sitting across the street in his car, police said. Officers immediately arrested him on stalking and violation of a protective order charges.

The charges filed Friday allege that Whittaker sent his former girlfriend unwanted text messages and emails, and that he physically encountered her at a grocery store and while driving. He had been ordered to stay away from her.

So far, Whittaker has posted more than \$400,000 in bail with the assistance of bail bondsmen.