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Update:

The victim who died from his injuries sustained in this disturbance has been identified as Ricardo Maldonado, 57, of Waterbury.

Recap:

On Dec. 27th, 2025, at 7:17 p.m., Waterbury Police Patrol Officers responded to 144 Grove Street for reports of a physical altercation between parties in of the building involving a weapon.

Upon arrival, officers located two male victims (Maldonado & Barnes) on scene who sustained wounds that were indicative of being inflicted by an edged weapon. Both were transported to local area hospitals. One of the victims (Maldonado) later succumbed to his injuries.

On, Dec. 29th, 2025, Waterbury resident Kendren Barnes, 47, was redetermined to be a suspect in this incident that left one victim dead. Barnes was taken into custody and charged with Murder. He has since been turned over to court and was given a bond of \$2.5 million. Barnes has an extensive history of violence and is frequently arrested.

This is still an active investigation. Anyone with information is asked contact the Waterbury Police Detective Bureau at (203) 574-6941 or call the anonymous Crime Stoppers tip line at (203) 755-1234.

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