



# SHELTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## Press Release aids in Arrest made of Purse Theft

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On 05/08/2018 an 84 year old female victim reported her purse was stolen out of her cart while she was shopping at Shop Rite located at 875 Bridgeport Ave Shelton. The victim immediately called her bank to cancel her credit cards, only to learn that her card was already used at TJ Maxx on Bridgeport Ave. Video surveillance was obtained from the store and a woman can be seen stealing the purse out of the victim's cart while her back was turned. A photograph of the suspect woman and the vehicle she fled in was released to the press requesting help in identifying her. After the press release, a tip was called into the Shelton Police Department regarding the woman and the vehicle. The Detective Bureau investigated the tip and identified 59 year old Denise Purciello of 639 Schoolhouse Lane in Orange as the woman who stole the purse and fraudulently used the credit card.

On 07/26/2018 Puciello was arrested and charged with Larceny 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and Theft of a Credit Card. Purciello was held on a \$1000.00 bond and brought to Derby Superior court for arraignment.

*\*The charges in this press release are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty\**

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