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PRESS RELEASE

A Webster man and his step-son are being charged with assault and battery upon a disabled person after an argument this past Saturday afternoon.

According to the Webster Police, dispatchers received multiple calls reporting a fight involving 5 people fighting in a stairwell at 18 Upland Ave. The police received reports that one individual was thrown down some stairs during the fight.

Upon arriving Officers located two of the participants at the scene. One individual was visibly injured. A third person had fled the area on foot before police arrived. Responding Officers learned that the building landlord, a 56 year old man was assaulted by his downstairs tenant, Arthur Leblanc, 59, of 18 Upland Ave and Leblanc's step-son Travis Carey, 21, of 148 Millbury Street Worcester.

According to statements by the victim and other witnesses at the scene Leblanc and Carey initiated a confrontation with the victim at his second floor apartment. This was just initially verbal until, a heavily intoxicated Leblanc fell down the stairs. After accusing the victim of pushing his step-father, Carey became physically assaultive. The altercation ended up on the first floor landing and also involved Leblanc's wife with Carey's girlfriend also being present.

At one point Carey punched the victim multiple times in the face while Leblanc held the victim from behind and Leblanc's wife clinging to the victim's leg. During the altercation, the victim's son called the Webster police and Carey fled on foot when told.

Officers Michael Reardon and James Young Jr., located Carey in the immediate neighborhood when Officer Aaron Suss started searching with Webster Police K9 "Radar". Officers initially brought Carey back to the Webster Police Department under protective custody for having a blood alcohol level just under three times the limit to drive a vehicle.

Both the victim and Leblanc were transported to Hubbard Hospital in Webster for treatment. After further investigation, officers learned that the victim was physically disabled and also suffered a fractured nose from the incident. According to police both Leblanc and Carey are being charged with Assault and Battery upon a Disabled Person with Bodily Injury, Disorderly Person, and Disturbing the Peace. Officers Suss and Young Jr., are the investigating officers.