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Here is an article written about my case against Altice/News 12 in January 10, 2020.

Westfair Communications journalist reading the Westport News (which is the only article available on the fiasco) originally parroted the Westport News' interpretation of the warrant by INITIALLY USING THE WORDS **HARASS** only to choose a middle course in between after receiving more proper information resulting in this proper news source REMOVING THE UNPROVEN AND UNPROVABLE controversial material.

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THE “FAIR” IN WESTFAIR COMMUNICATIONS TREATMENT OF ME

I now refer you to a proper newsroom editorial Decision – Phil Hall with Westfair Communications, in reference to the how Hearst **persistently and extremely** reports on me. After the Altice Summary Judgment in Jan. 2020, an article by Phil Hall with Westfair Communications was written that parroted the Westport News narrative. **The Westport News article was the only article available for other media to refer to.** Westfair’s (yes the fair in Westfair) edits after receiving my Conviction Record print out and other information I have given over the past 2 years are clearly fair, accurate, and i tune with "police". Both Altice and Westfair chose a middle course in between with proper edits. It is obvious that not only other media outlets agree with my case, but everyday people would want to weigh in on my plea for Justice.

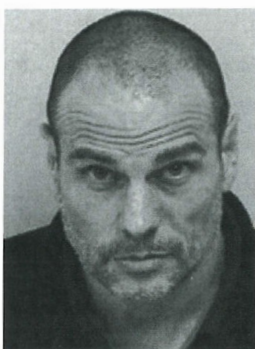
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By **Phil Hall** - January 10, 2020

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James Lawrence in his March 2018 arrest photograph. Courtesy Westport Police Department

James Lawrence was charged by Westport police with **harassing** a woman at the Fresh Market grocery store on Nov. 25, 2017, after she filed a complaint that he followed her through the store and into the parking lot. Police issued an arrest warrant for Lawrence, who turned himself in on March 5, 2018. He was released after posting a \$5,000 court set bond.

In his lawsuit against the station, Lawrence described News 12 journalist Mark Sudol as a "slimy reporter" who arrived at his residence on March 14, 2018. Lawrence claimed that he was "shocked that such a low-level charge would be news for the likes of News 12 Connecticut, given all the far more worse alleged crimes that happen every day," but agreed to a 45-minute conversation with Sudol.

Lawrence alleged the subsequent coverage was full of slanderous errors regarding the nature of his arrest and his previous arrest record in California and he argued that using the words "stalker" and "stalking" in relation to his Westport arrest was libelous because he was not charged with stalking.

However, U.S. District Chief Judge Stefan Underhill of the District of Connecticut rejected Lawrence's lawsuit that claimed he was a victim of slander and libel by the news station. In a 23-page ruling, Underhill stated the News 12 coverage was "substantially true and not defamatory."

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Westport Police said that since 2002, Lawrence had been the subject of 10 complaints by women who felt harassed by him, but none of the women agreed to pursue criminal charges. Lawrence was also arrested in Westport in February 2019 on charges of harassing a woman by email.

Phil Hall

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Here is how journalist cleaned up his article **AFTER PROPER RESEARCH AND REFERENCES**. The last paragraph of the unproven and un-provable number of complaints is omitted and he **OMITTED THE HARASSMENT LANGUAGE**.

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YES the HARASS language used in the second paragraph of his original version was removed. He also removes the harass language in the last paragraph and the unproven number of past complaints.

GOOD PEOPLE.