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Former EW police commission member charged with attempted strangulation

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EAST WINDSOR — Former Police Commission member Gilbert Lowell was arrested Tuesday and charged with attempted strangulation after he got into an argument about planting flowers, police said.

Lowell, 81, of 70 Reservoir Road, was involved in an altercation with his daughter, assaulting and pushing her down the basement stairs.

She told police the fight stemmed from Lowell not wanting her to plant flowers in the yard, police said.

A passerby saw her walking on Reservoir Road and took her to the Town Hall for assistance, police said.

She had a broken jaw and a severe laceration under the chin, which required several stitches, police said.

She was taken to the Johnson Memorial Hospital by ambulance, police said. It was unclear today if she was released from the hospital.

Lowell, who served on the Police Commission from 1987 to 1991, was charged with first-degree unlawful restraint, second-degree assault, second-degree strangulation, and second-degree threatening.

He was held in lieu of \$25,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in Enfield Superior Court today.

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