

Domestic dispute over laundry leads to arrest of 51-year-old Springfield resident Donald Whitlock on attempted murder charge

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SPRINGFIELD – A domestic altercation that began late Sunday night when a 51-year-old Six Corners neighborhood resident woke his girlfriend up and ordered her to do laundry ended with his arrest for attempted murder and other charges.

Springfield Police Capt. Cheryl C. Clapprood said the suspect, Donald B. Whitlock, of 406 Central St., Apt. 2, attempted to strangle the woman.

The incident began at the Central Street apartment shortly before midnight. “He woke her up and ordered to do laundry,” Clapprood said.

The woman managed to escape and shut herself in a bathroom where she dialed 911, Clapprood said.

When police knocked on the door, a male answered and told police that he hadn’t dialed 911. The officers heard a struggle upstairs. however, and found Whitlock and the victim who had minor swelling and scratches on her face, Clapprood said.

Along with attempted murder, Whitlock was charged with domestic assault and battery and witness intimidation, Clapprood said.

The woman told police that she would seek medical attention on her own, Clapprood said.

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