

Man held in kidnap fights trial

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MILFORD — A Derby man arrested in New York last week and charged with kidnaping his ex-girlfriend so she wouldn't testify against him in a kidnaping and assault trial here refused Thursday to return to the state witness box.

The state's attorney's office at Milford Superior Court does not want to let it ruin the trial, Assistant State's Attorney Paul Cavano, who is the prosecutor in the case, is seeking to extradite the man within a week to resume testimony.

Tony L. Niemeyer, 27, of Canton Street, did not waive extradition in Westchester County Court Thursday and is to reappear March 14, according to the Westchester County Sheriff's Office in White Plains, N.Y. He is still being held in Westchester County jail.

Justice of the Peace Judge Bruce Thompson in Milford court told Giacomo and Theresa Kozicki, Niemeyer's attorney, that he would bring the eight-member jury back to court at 2 p.m. today to discuss scheduling and other matters.

The alleged victim, Niemeyer's girlfriend, has been held in a derelict police protection and as a witness in the trial since Tuesday. On Thursday, she told Thompson she did not want an attorney. She also said she has no objection to being the defendant's witness.

The hearing on the extradition of Niemeyer was arrested early Saturday morning in Larchmont, N.Y., a village in Westchester County. A police officer stopped him for a broken headlight. With Niemeyer's attorney's consent, the alleged victim and her sister, who were upset, officials said.

Niemeyer is accused of kidnaping his ex-girlfriend in New York against her will so she would not testify against him, sources and documents state.

He was charged in New York with two counts of second-degree kidnaping and first-degree criminal contempt. He also is wanted by Derby police on charges of kidnapping with a witness and criminal violation of a protective order.

Meanwhile, Niemeyer is fighting charges in Milford court that he assaulted and kidnaped his ex-girlfriend last February in his Derby apartment.

He is expected to appear in court today. He is expected to get medical help, sources and court officials said. He is expected to get medical help, sources and court officials said.