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BETHEL

‘Stop, it hurts’

Suspect tells police victim’s last words as details emerge in fatal stabbing

By Kendra Baker

BETHEL — “Stop, it hurts.”

That’s what David MacDowell told police was the last thing he heard her say. MacDowell is the 34-

year-old Bethel man charged in the fatal stabbing of a woman early Saturday.

The brother of the victim called 911 at 12:57 a.m., and said there was “a lot of blood and also mentioned

his sister,” according to an arraignment report from the Bethel Police Department released Tuesday.

Police responded to the call from Colonial Acres condominiums on Plumtrees Road shortly after 1 a.m., and entered the home through the rear door, the report notes. Inside they

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David MacDowell, 34, of Bethel, was arraigned on on first-degree manslaughter charges in state Superior Court in Danbury on Monday.

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IN THE WEEDS



Hearst Connecticut Media file photos

Greg Bugbee, an associate scientist with the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, lifts a handful of Eurasian watermilfoil from Candlewood Lake in 2016. FirstLight Power Resources, the company that owns the lake, decided to use a private company to map the lake, risking years of research by the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station.

Battle lines drawn over map quest

Candlewood Lake Authority asks towns for money after FirstLight fight

By Katrina Koerting

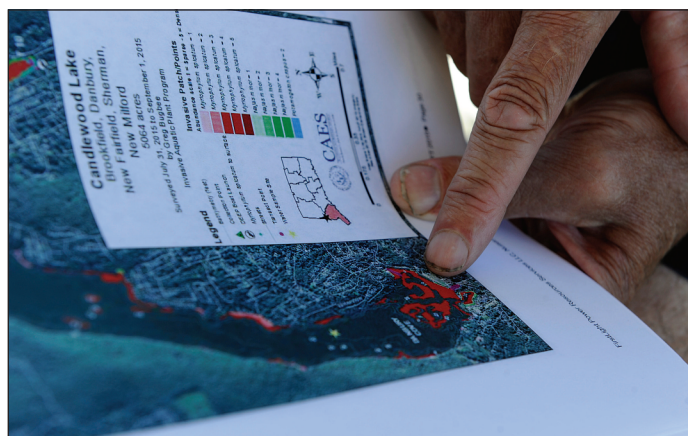
Candlewood Lake Authority has seen the light.

It has watched the lake become cleaner and less crowded with the invasive Eurasian watermilfoil since the introduction of sterile grass carp and winter water drawdowns.

But authority members worry these methods could be at risk with a sudden change in who maps the weeds in the lake — effectively determining how well the treatments are working.

FirstLight Power Resources, the

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Greg Bugbee, an associate scientist with the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, maps the areas of Candlewood Lake in 2016 with a high density of Eurasian watermilfoil. Years of treatment by the station has diminished the amount of watermilfoil.

OPIOID EPIDEMIC

Report: Purdue willing to settle lawsuits

OxyContin maker said to be open to a \$10B-\$12B payout

By Paul Schott

STAMFORD — OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma has reportedly offered to settle, for a combined \$10 billion to \$12 billion, more than 2,000 lawsuits alleging deceptive marketing by the Stamford-based company and the Sackler family members who own the firm.

It was not immediately clear, however, whether the proposal would also resolve the dozens of lawsuits filed by Connecticut and nearly every other state.

The prospective deal was discussed by Purdue’s lawyers at an Aug. 20 meeting in Cleveland, with participants also including Purdue co-owner and defendant David Sackler and 10 state attorneys general, according to two unnamed sources cited by NBC News, which first reported the plan Tuesday. But neither Connecticut Attorney General William

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Tong nor any other prosecutors confirmed the report — creating a new layer of uncertainty about the pending litigation, the vast majority of which are cities and counties’ complaints that are separate from the state lawsuits and have been consolidated in federal court in Cleveland.

After the NBC story was published, Tong’s office acknowledged that he was in Cleveland last week, although declining to comment on whether he attended the meeting with Purdue representatives.

“I can confirm that Attorney General Tong was in Cleveland last week as a member of the leadership committee of state attorneys general

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Hayes feuding with two state news outlets

Problem seen as miscalculation, ‘major mistake’

By Ken Dixon

U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes is feuding with two major Connecticut news outlets in what political and media observers call a preventable miscue by a first-term member of Congress who may be taking poor advice on how to deal with report-

ers back home, even as she picked up support from some colleagues.

Some say it’s an example of social media boomer-ang back at the former teacher, whose congressional office has seen a big turnover of advisers during Hayes’ first year.

The issue centers on

Hayes’ first admitting, then denying the existence of possibly racist communications that the 5th District representative, the state’s first African American woman member of Congress, has received since taking office in January.

She has followed up by

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Jahana Hayes during a rally in Hartford last October, before she won the race in the 5th Congressional District.

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