Man Charged With Firing Shotgun At Homes In Hartford

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Police on Sunday arrested a 62-year-old man who they said shot a double-barreled shotgun at two homes on Girard Avenue in Hartford.

Bernard Lilli-Chylinski shot out the back windows of 43 and 49 Girard Ave., police said. The homes were unoccupied at the time of incident at 4:32 p.m. and no one was injured.

Lilli-Chylinski is charged with second-degree breach of peace, carrying a dangerous weapon, carrying a firearm while under the influence, third-degree criminal trespass, third-degree criminal mischief, eight counts of reckless endangerment and seven counts of unlawful discharge of a firearm.

When officers arrived at the scene, he was in a wooded area behind one of the homes with the loaded shotgun, police said.

Lilli-Chylinski appeared intoxicated, police said. In addition to the shotgun, officers seized four rifles and one pistol from the suspect's home a block away.