



Hamden Police Department Monthly Report April 2011



Personnel Matters and Events

On Saturday, April 16, 2011 Captain John Lujick participated in the "Chamber of Commerce EXPO Day" that was held at the Hamden High School. Our entry was a crime prevention and safety table.

Days Synopsis/Some highlights.

- Helped with some neighborhood Quality of Life issues
- Gave advice to several prospective police job seekers.
- Handed out sponsorship forms for Torch Run.
- Made available alarm registration forms.
- Ran continuous PowerPoint presentations regarding:
 - Senior crime prevention
 - Business burglary prevention
 - Business robbery prevention
 - Business alarm suggestions
- Made Available business emergency contact forms.
- Directed some potential police interns to call our training division.
- Made approximately 80 to 100 public contacts.





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Training - Sworn Personnel

During the month of April, training for the Department consisted of Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid which was conducted by Battalion Chief William Fitzmaurice of the Hamden Fire Department. Officers practiced resuscitation techniques for adult, child and infant victims. Medical HAZMAT (Hazardous Material) precaution techniques were also discussed.

Training: In-Service

- States Attorney School @ POST . Officer Michael Romanelli, Investigator Joshua Cameron and Officer Robert Manfield. The States Attorney's school educates and prepares police officers in areas of arrest procedures, current laws and updates. All areas of value for quality law enforcement.
- Accident Reconstruction School @ POST . Officer Greg Curran. Course covers all areas of reconstructing an accident and investigative techniques.
- K-9 Liability Training @ POST. Officer Jason Venditto.
- How to Deal with people with Mental Illness @ POST . Officer Nicholas Lovett
- Rifle Instructor Course @ POST . Officer Dennis Putnam.

Training – K-9

K-9 Units participated in training sessions at the Michael J. Whelan building on Newhall Street and the former High Meadows facility on Hartford Turnpike. Areas of training included:

- Building searches
- Narcotics detection
- Patrol techniques
- Obedience
- Explosive detection
- Tracking
- Suspect apprehensions.



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Training – Dispatchers

During the month of March, Dispatchers attended training at our Training Center with Sworn personnel and the training consisted of Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid. The training was conducted by Battalion Chief William Fitzmaurice of the Hamden Fire Department.

Incidents of Special Interest

On April 1, 2011, Hamden Police arrested David Pena, 25, of 79 Weybosset Street, Apt. 6, New Haven on the strength of an active arrest warrant. David Pena was charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree and Larceny in the 2nd Degree. Pena, who was detained at Police Headquarters on a court ordered \$50,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on April 20th. Pena had turned himself in at police headquarters. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that had occurred on September 20, 2006, when Hamden Police responded to Nero Heating and Air Conditioning, 736 Sherman Avenue, on the report of a burglary. Investigation revealed that an individual forcibly entered and subsequently stole several pieces of electronic equipment. In March of 2011, after a nearly 5-year investigation, a suspect came to the attention of police and an arrest warrant was submitted and approved for the arrest of David Pena.

On April 3, 2011, at approximately 11:00 a.m. Hamden Police responded to the area of Newton Street on an unrelated threatening complaint. While investigating the complaint, officers observed an individual walking from the area of the complaint. Upon questioning the individual, who was later identified as Daniel Ardito, he fled on foot, running into the heavily traveled Dixwell Avenue. Officer Robert Villano of the Patrol Division subsequently arrested Ardito after a brief foot pursuit. Officers found a knife in his pocket. Moments later, a computer check revealed that Ardito was wanted on 8 arrest warrants. Daniel Ardito, 48, of 128 Belden Road in Hamden was charged with Carrying a Dangerous Weapon and Interfering With a Police Officer. Ardito, who was given a Promise to Appear on these charges, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on April 15. Ardito was additionally arrested on the strength of 8 arrest warrants. Five of the warrants originated from the New Haven Police Department. The other 3 arrest warrants originated out of Meriden, Middletown and North Haven. The warrants, which were for the charges of Failure to Appear in the 1st and 2nd Degree, had a bond total of \$80,000. He was detained at police headquarters on these charges.

On April 5, 2011, at approximately 10:45 p.m. Hamden Police responded to the report of an armed robbery at Krauzers, 56 Fairview Avenue. While responding to the robbery, Officer Bryan Kelly observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Woodin Street, with no headlights illuminated. The vehicle entered the parking lot of 1160 Dixwell Avenue. The operator of the vehicle, Alphonso Lilly, and passenger, Melvin Harrison quickly entered a building. Inside of their vehicle, officers located 2 firearms. Moments later, when Lilly and Harrison exited the building, they were promptly arrested. Alphonso Lilly, 22, of 37 Winnett Street in Hamden, was charged with Criminal Possession of a Firearm, Weapons in a Motor Vehicle, Hindering Prosecution, Misuse of Plates, No Insurance and Failure to Renew Registration. Lilly was released after posting a \$75,000 bond. Melvin Harrison, 20, of 40 Grandview Avenue in Hamden, was charged with Criminal Possession of a Firearm, Weapons in a Motor Vehicle and Interfering With a Police Officer. Harrison was released after posting a \$75,000 bond. The armed robbery at Krauzers is under investigation.



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Incidents of Special Interest (cont)

On April 6, 2011, at approximately 2:00 a.m. Hamden Police observed an alleged drug transaction in the area of Cherry Ann Street. As officers approached the motor vehicle, the operator quickly fled, driving on the sidewalk. Officers pursued the vehicle to Cold Spring Street in New Haven, at which time the officer lost sight of the fleeing vehicle. Moments later, officers found the vehicle, which had struck a pole and rolled over on Mitchell Street. Upon approaching the vehicle, an occupant, later identified as Tremont Murray, fled on foot. He was arrested after a lengthy foot pursuit. The second occupant, who was not apprehended, also fled on foot. Murray was transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital with facial injuries sustained in the accident. He was released to the custody of Hamden Police a short time later. Tremont Murray, 23, of 60 Plains Road in Hamden, was charged with Reckless Endangerment, Tampering With Evidence, Reckless Driving and Engaging an Officer in Pursuit. Murray was detained at police headquarters on a \$50,000 bond. Hamden Police is continuing this investigation.

On April 8, 2011, Hamden Police responded to 37 Winnett Street on an unrelated incident and arrested two parties on the strength of active arrest warrants. Alnae Lilly, 22, and Alphonso Lilly, 22, of 37 Winnett Street were both taken into custody and charged with Larceny in the 5th Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 5th Degree, Auto Teller Fraud, Conspiracy to Commit Auto Teller Fraud, Identity Theft and Conspiracy to Commit Identity Theft. They were both detained on a court ordered \$100,000 bond. Their court date is April 21, 2011 in Meriden. The arrest warrants were based on an incident that had occurred on March 8, 2011, when Hamden Police responded to a Treadwell Street address on the report of a larceny. The complainant advised police that her 84 year-old mother, who is disabled and blind, had her ATM card fraudulently used. Investigation revealed that a home health care worker, who assists the 84 year-old, used the ATM card to withdraw \$1,260 from a local bank. The health care worker, Alnae Lilly, allegedly gave the ATM card to her brother, Alphonso Lilly, who also committed several thefts with the card. Detective John Marks of the Major Crimes Unit obtained arrest warrants for both subjects.

On April 9, 2011, at approximately 9:30 p.m. Hamden Police responded to the report of a fight at a carnival in the Hamden Mart. Upon the arrival of police, hundreds of patrons ran to the exit, after someone yelled gun. Officers then observed approximately 15 to 20 youths engaged in a brawl. Upon the arrival of police, the group fled on foot. Lieutenant Kevin Samperi of the Patrol Division subsequently arrested Tequan Ledbetter, after a brief foot pursuit. Ledbetter was earlier observed punching and kicking another individual. Further investigation revealed that an individual described as a dark skinned male, pulled out a large handgun and began pointing at people. No arrests were made concerning this incident. Tequan Ledbetter, 18, of 26 Compton Street in New Haven, was charged with Breach of Peace. Ledbetter, who was released after posting a \$1,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on April 22, 2011.

On April 11, 2011, Detective Raymond Quinn, who is currently assigned to the United States Marshal Service Violent Fugitive Task Force, arrested Patrick Coyne at his residence, 806 Edgewood Avenue in New Haven. Coyne was arrested on the strength of an active arrest warrant. Coyne, 51, was charged with Sexual Assault in the 1st Degree and Risk of Injury to a Minor. Coyne, who was detained at police headquarters on a court ordered \$300,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on April 18, 2011. The arrest is the result of a 3-month investigation by Detective Stephen Rossacci and Scott Levenduski of the Hamden Police Department Special Victims Unit.



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On April 14, 2011, at approximately 1:45 a.m. Officer Tim Brown of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on State Street. A motor vehicle stop was subsequently conducted. Further investigation led to the search of the passenger compartment of the vehicle. Officers located 21 bags, all of which contained narcotics. Further analysis revealed that the bags contained heroin and cocaine. The passenger of the vehicle, Ryan Cortes, was promptly arrested. Ryan Cortes, 18, of 229 Exchange Street in New Haven, was charged with 2 counts of Possession of Narcotics and 2 counts of Possession of Narcotics With the Intent to Sell. Cortes, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$100,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on April 28, 2011.

On April 14, 2011, at approximately 6:50 p.m. Officer Robert Manfield of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle traveling on Goodrich Street with defective equipment. A motor vehicle stop was subsequently conducted. Further investigation led to the search of the vehicle. Officers located 2 bags, which contained a total of 60 grams of marijuana, under the front seat. The operator of the vehicle, Albert Papa, and the passenger, Bobby Moore, were promptly arrested. Albert Papa Jr., 30, of 140 Thompson Street, Apt. 5D, East Haven and Bobby Moore, 31, of 536 Norton Parkway, New Haven were both charged with Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Marijuana With the Intent to Sell. Papa and Moore, who were both released after posting a \$2,500 bond, are scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on April 27, 2011.

On April 19, 2011, officers responded to the Guilford County Jail, located in High Point North Carolina. Officers in North Carolina had arrested Dunlap on the strength of the warrant submitted by members of the Hamden Police Department. Hamden Police Officers transported Dunlap to Connecticut. He had waived extradition. Jamal Dunlap, 20, 195 Bellevue Road in New Haven, was charged with Criminal Possession of a Firearm, Carrying a Pistol Without a Permit and Weapons in a Motor Vehicle. He is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on May 6, 2011. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that had occurred on March 7, 2011, when members of the Street Interdiction Team conducted an investigation in the area of Dixwell Avenue and Arch Street. The investigation led to the execution of a search and seizure warrant on a motor vehicle that was involved in the incident. Upon searching the vehicle, officers located and seized a .22 caliber revolver. Further investigation led officers to apply for an arrest warrant for Jamal Dunlap which was subsequently approved. Furthermore, Dunlap was additionally charged on the strength of 2 other warrants. He was also charged with Violation of Probation and Failure to Appear in the 1st Degree.

On April 22, 2011, at approximately 4:30 p.m. Hamden Police responded to Bobs Store, 2300 Dixwell Avenue on the report of a shoplifting in progress. Upon arrival, officers observed an individual, who was later identified as Josiah Humphrey, fighting with a security officer. Humphrey subsequently fled on foot. Officers found him hiding under a parked vehicle, in a parking garage on Mix Avenue. He was promptly arrested. Further investigation revealed that Humphrey, and 3 female accomplices, allegedly attempted to steal several items from the store. The accomplices are identified as Tiffany Hudson, Angelica Blackwood and Jasmine Brown. They were arrested in the parking lot of the Hamden Mart. Josiah Humphrey, 20, of 30 Vale Street in Waterbury, was charged with Robbery in the 3rd Degree, Larceny in the 6th Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 6th Degree, Interfering With a Police Officer, Forgery in the 3rd Degree and Criminal Impersonation. Humphrey, who was detained on a \$35,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on May 6, 2011.



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Tiffany Hudson, 20, of 22 Westhills Road, in New Haven, Angelica Blackwood, 18, of 80 Brown Street in West Haven, and Jasmine Brown, 20, of 711 Congress Avenue in New Haven, were all charged with Larceny 6th Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 6th Degree. They were all released on a Written Promise to Appear. They are scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on May 6, 2011. Officer Nick Lovett of the Patrol Division conducted the investigation.

On April 27, 2011, members of the Street Interdiction Team and Patrol Division concluded a joint drug investigation. The investigation led to the execution of a search and seizure warrant on a motor vehicle. The search of the vehicle led to the seizure of 150 wax folds of heroin. The heroin, which weighed 49.8 grams, has a street value of \$3,500.00. Tommy Battle, 30, of 699 Elm Street in New Haven, was charged with Possession of Narcotics and Possession of Narcotics With the Intent to Sell. Battle, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$50,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on May 10, 2011.

On April 29, 2011, at approximately 8:45 p.m. Hamden Police responded to Bradley Avenue on the report of an attempted street robbery. Investigation revealed that 3 teen-aged Hamden residents were walking on Bradley Avenue, when 2 individuals approached them. One of the individuals, who was possibly in the possession of a firearm; ordered them to give him their belongings. The 3 youths subsequently ran to safety. A short time thereafter, the 2 individuals were detained by New Haven Police on Winchester Avenue. Further investigation revealed that one of the individuals was allegedly responsible for the attempted robbery. A 16 year-old Ansonia resident was arrested and charged with Criminal Attempt to Commit Robbery in the 1st Degree, Criminal Attempt to Commit Larceny in the 2nd Degree, Carrying a Pistol Without a Permit and Criminal Use of a Firearm. The 16 year-old was transported to Juvenile Detention in New Haven. He is scheduled to appear in court on May 13, 2011. Detective Angelo Polzella of the Major Crimes Unit conducted the investigation.

On April 29, 2011, at approximately 8:15 p.m. Hamden Police responded to 1240 Whitney Avenue on the report of a burglary, involving an assault. The caller had advised police that a male had forced entry into her apartment and was strangling her boyfriend. Upon arrival officers observed 2 individuals, identified as Jon Gariepy and Kenneth Palmieri Jr., fighting on the sidewalk. Investigation revealed that Gariepy forced entry into the apartment and immediately assaulted Palmieri. The complainant, Palmieri's girlfriend, attempted to contact police, when Gariepy allegedly grabbed her cell phone and broke it. The complainant eventually used a neighbor's telephone to contact police. Jon Gariepy, 48, of 41 Pent Road in Branford was arrested and charged with Burglary in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Mischief in the 3rd Degree and Breach of Peace. Gariepy, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$25,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on May 13, 2011. Further investigation led to the arrest of Palmieri. Officers found crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia in his pockets. Kenneth Palmieri Jr., 44, of 1240 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, was charged with Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Breach of Peace. Palmieri was released after posting a \$5,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on May 13, 2011. It appeared that Gariepy and Palmieri are familiar with each other. Officer Tim McKeon of the Patrol Division conducted the investigation.



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On April 30, 2011, at approximately 10:00 p.m. Hamden Police responded to Dunkin Donuts, 938 Dixwell Avenue, on the report of an armed robbery. Investigation revealed that an individual, described as a teen-aged black male, 5q7+, wearing dark clothing, ski mask and brandishing a silver-colored firearm, entered the store and made the clerks open the cash register. One of the clerks was pushed to the floor. The individual then took an undisclosed amount of money. The individual, who fled on foot, might have entered an awaiting vehicle. Officer Michael Nawrocki of the Patrol Division and his K-9 ~~rank~~ conducted a track, which met with negative results. The Major Crimes Unit is continuing the investigation.