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#### **Personnel Matters and Events**

On January 10, 2011, Captain Ronald Smith attended the Dunbar Hill Civic Association's meeting and spoke about the issue of roaming and aggressive pit bull dogs in the Dunbar Hill neighborhood.

#### **Training - Sworn Personnel**

During the month of January, monthly training for the Department consisted of Civil Liability with Attorney Elliot Spector.

#### **Training: In-Service**

Kolram Access Services Seminar – Seminar topics included security hardware and video equipment that may be used in Schools, Towns and Business Security. The Hamden Police Department conducts Security Surveys as a Police Service. Captain John Lujick, Sergeant Paul Scarcella, and Detective Stephen Rossacci attended the seminar that was held at the MGM Grand Foxwoods Resort and Casino.

#### **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.

Training areas included:

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

#### **Training – Dispatchers**

Emergency Medical Dispatching – During the month of January, Dispatchers attended training at the American Medical Response Facility in New Haven, CT. The subject matter was Emergency Medical Dispatching Scenarios.



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#### Incidents of Special Interest

#### **ELEVEN CHARGED AS A RESULT OF DEA TASK FORCE INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED NEW HAVEN HEROIN RING**

David B. Fein, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, and Steven W. Derr, Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration, New England Field Division, today announced that 11 individuals have been charged with various federal narcotics trafficking offenses related to distribution of heroin in the New Haven area. "I want to recognize the dedication, commitment and excellence of the DEA Task Force and all of the federal, state and local law enforcement officers who participated in the lengthy investigation of this matter," U.S. Attorney Fein said. "We are committed to attacking the drug trade in Connecticut and this investigation has disrupted what we allege to be a significant New Haven drug trafficking organization." This matter stems from a Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force investigation dubbed "Operation Brick House," which targeted a heroin distribution organization based in New Haven that was allegedly headed by **TARULUS GLASS**, also known as "Dred," 36, of Davis Street in Hamden.

This matter was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration New Haven Task Force, which includes participants from the New Haven, Meriden, Hamden, West Haven, Branford and Ansonia Police Departments, and the United States Marshals Service. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys H. Gordon Hall and Patrick Caruso of the Violent Crimes and Narcotics Unit of U.S. Attorney's Office.

On January 2, 2011, at approximately 1:00 a.m. Hamden Police responded to the area of Easton Street and Alstrum Street on the report of a shooting. Investigation revealed that 2 individuals were walking on Easton Street, at which time a dark-colored vehicle, possible Dodge, occupied by 4 people, approached. The occupants of the vehicle who were clad in ski masks advised them not to move. The individuals subsequently ran towards Dixwell Avenue. One of the individuals, identified as Christopher Cartier, 19, of Hamden, was shot twice. He suffered from wounds to the arm and leg. Cartier was transported to the Hospital of Saint Raphael for medical treatment. The Detective Division is conducting the investigation.

On January 4, 2011, at approximately 1:45 a.m. Officer Shawn Nutter of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Winchester Avenue. A motor vehicle stop was subsequently conducted. Investigation revealed that the operator of the vehicle, Lamar Oliver, allegedly threw 2 packages of heroin out of the window. Officers seized the heroin, which consisted of 10 wax folds. The heroin weighed 3.5 grams. In addition, officers seized \$326.00, which was in the possession of Oliver. Lamar Oliver, 31, of 59 Ellsworth Street, West Haven, was arrested and charged with Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Narcotics With the Intent to Sell, Tampering With Evidence, Traveling Unreasonably Fast and Defective Brake Light. Oliver, who was released after posting a \$5,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on January 18, 2011.

On January 5, 2011, at approximately 1:30 a.m. members of the Patrol Division responded to 22 Flower Drive on the report of a dispute. Officers were advised that a resident was inside of the house, punching holes in the wall. Officers further learned that the resident was in the possession of a shotgun. Officer Bryan Kelly was able to communicate with the resident, later identified as Simon Nieves Jr., who surrendered without incident. Officers confiscated a fully loaded shotgun, which was lying next to Nieves' bed. Simon Nieves Jr., 38, of 22 Flower Drive, Hamden, was arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct and Criminal Mischief in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Nieves, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$1,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in court in Meriden this morning.



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On January 6, 2011, members of the Street Interdiction Team (SIT) responded to 371 Welton Street to conduct a narcotics investigation. The investigation was initiated after information was received and cultivated that a drug trafficking operation was being managed at that residence. Upon arrival, Investigators made contact with a resident, identified as Moses Newman, DOB 10/18/1965. The investigation led the Investigators to conduct a search of the residence where the following contraband was seized: 3.63 lbs. of Marijuana, 1.3 grams of Cocaine, and 28 Colanopin pills, weighing 4.7 grams. Also seized from the residence during the investigation was \$4,241.00 in U.S. currency. Moses Newman, 45, of 371 Welton Street, Hamden, CT, was arrested and charged with Sale of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Operating a Drug Factory. Newman was assigned a court date of January 31, 2011 at Meriden Superior Court and held on a \$10,000 bond.

On January 5, 2011, at 8:54 p.m. the Hamden Police Department responded to a report of an armed robbery at the Hamden Sunoco service station, located at 2440 Dixwell Avenue. Upon arrival, police personnel learned that a black male, approximately 16-20 years of age, wearing all black clothing and a white mask entered the station armed with what was described as a large kitchen style knife. The subject was further described as thin and approximately 5'7" to 5' 9" in height. The subject demanded money from the cashier and a brief struggle ensued. There were no reported injuries and the subject fled the service station on foot without any money or merchandise from the station. Crime Scene Unit personnel processed the scene and Patrol personnel and a K-9 Unit team searched the surrounding area for the subject without success. Anyone with information on this incident was asked to contact Detective Brain Stewart of the Major Crimes Unit.

On January 5, 2011, at 8:45 p.m., the Hamden Police Department responded to a report of a carjacking in the parking lot of the New Alliance Bank located at 2856 Whitney Avenue. Upon arrival, police personnel located the complainant/victim, who reported that 3 white male subjects in a late model white Chevy Malibu had met him in the parking lot after a meeting was arranged to buy tire rims from him through Craig's list. The complainant/victim further reported that during the meeting in the parking lot, he showed the tire rims in his trunk to the subjects and that the subjects began to assault him. One of the subjects eventually entered the complainant/victim's vehicle and drove away. The other two subjects entered the Chevy Malibu and also drove away last seen entering the route 40 connector. The complainant/victim's vehicle was located a short time later in New Haven with the tire rims having been stolen. Detective Michael DePalma of the Major Crimes Unit is investigating the incident.

On January 7, 2011, at approximately 12:30 p.m. Hamden Police responded to the New Alliance Bank, 1246 Whitney Avenue, on the report of a bank robbery. A preliminary investigation revealed that an individual, described as a white male, 50's, 5'10", thin build, dark and gray hair, glasses, wearing a dark-colored jacket and knit hat, entered the bank and displayed a note, demanding money. The individual threatened the teller with physical violence. The individual subsequently fled with an undisclosed amount of money. Hamden Police conducted an immediate search of the area with a K-9 Unit with negative results. The incident is being investigated by the Detective Division.



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On January 8, 2011, the Hamden Police learned that the Holyoke, Massachusetts Police Department was in the possession of a warrant for the arrest of Jose Santana for the charge of Attempted Murder. Further information indicated that Santana resided in Hamden. At approximately 9:00 a.m. Officer Ronald Glifort of the Patrol Division observed Santana operating a snow blower at his residence, 79 Glenbrook Avenue. Officer Glifort, who was assisted by several other officers, subsequently approached Santana and arrested him without incident. Jose Santana, 50, of 79 Glenbrook Avenue, Hamden, was charged with being a Fugitive from Justice. Santana, who was detained at police headquarters without bail, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on January 10, 2011. Holyoke Massachusetts personnel are in the process of making extradition arrangements.

On January 10, 2011, at approximately 8:30 p.m. Hamden Police responded to Henny Penny, 3048 Dixwell Avenue, on the report of an armed robbery. A preliminary investigation revealed that an individual, described as a black male, 5'8" to 5'10", wearing a black mask, black and gray colored jacket and gloves, entered the store, armed with a semi-automatic handgun. The individual opened the register and took the proceeds, while holding 2 clerks at gunpoint. Furthermore, the individual removed an undisclosed amount of money from a safe. A K-9 Unit conducted a track with negative results. Detective Angelo DeLieto is conducting the investigation.

On January 10, 2011, at approximately 11:45 p.m. Officer Gabriel Garcia of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Dixwell Avenue. A motor vehicle stop was subsequently conducted at Dixwell Avenue and First Street. Investigation led to the search of the operator of the vehicle, Eddie Dubose and he was found to be in the possession of nearly 19 grams of marijuana. Dubose was promptly arrested. Eddie Dubose, 34, of 24 Watson Street, New Haven, was charged with Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana With the Intent to Sell and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Dubose, who was released after posting a \$5,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on January 26, 2011.

On January 11, 2011, at approximately 9:00 p.m. Officer Eric Goclowski of the Patrol Division was on patrol in the area of 1665 Whitney Avenue when he observed an individual, identified as Kenneth Nichols, standing next to a construction trailer. Further investigation revealed that Nichols allegedly attempted to burglarize the trailer. Nichols, who was promptly arrested, was in the possession of burglar tools. Kenneth Nichols, 29, of 423 Wildwood Drive, Orange, was charged with Criminal Attempt to Commit Burglary in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Criminal Mischief in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and Possession of Burglary Tools. Nichols, who was detained on a \$5,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on January 24, 2011. A short time thereafter, while incarcerated, Nichols allegedly attempted to escape from custody. Sergeant Steven Crowley observed him attempting to pick the cellblock lock. Nichols was in the possession of a small metal spring. Nichols was additionally charged with Criminal Attempt to Escape From Custody and Criminal Mischief in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. He was held on an additional \$50,000 bond.



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On January 13, 2011, at approximately 2:00 p.m. the New Haven Police Department notified the Hamden Police Department that a shooting had just occurred on Lilac Street. Further information revealed that the individuals were fleeing towards Hamden. Moments later, Officer Derrick Manning of the Patrol Division observed an individual running on Winchester Avenue. Officer Robert Villano of the Patrol Division subsequently arrested the individual, identified as Brandon Trimble. Investigation revealed that Trimble was in the possession of 11 bags of marijuana, which weighed 6.9 grams. Further investigation lead officers to the discovery of a loaded Ruger 9 mm, which was found in a snow bank. A computer check revealed that the firearm was stolen out of South Carolina. Brandon Trimble, 20, of 46 Pendleton Street, New Haven, was charged with Criminal Possession of a Firearm, Possession of a Stolen Firearm, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of a Firearm Without a Permit, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Interfering With an Officer. Trimble, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$100,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on January 27, 2011.

On January 14, 2011, at approximately 11:45 p.m. Officer Joseph Venditto of the Patrol Division observed a vehicle proceed through a red control signal at the intersection of Dixwell Avenue and Benham Street. A motor vehicle stop was subsequently conducted. Investigation led to the search of the operator of the vehicle, Robert Samuels. Samuels was found to be in the possession of nearly 21 grams of marijuana. He was promptly arrested and while at police headquarters, Samuels continued to resist arrest and fight with officers. Robert Samuels, 30, of 33 Mountain Street in Hartford, was charged with Possession of Marijuana, Interfering With a Police Officer and Failure to Obey Traffic Signal. Samuels, who was detained on a \$2,500 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on January 28, 2011.

On January 15, 2011, at approximately 10:45 a.m. Hamden Police responded to State Street Spirits, 2644 State Street on the report of an armed robbery. A preliminary investigation revealed that 2 individuals entered the store and committed the robbery. One of the individuals, who was in the possession of a black-colored handgun, stood near the door, while the other individual went behind the counter and removed an undisclosed amount of money from the cash register. The individuals also took several cartons of cigarettes and bottles of wine. A K-9 track was conducted, but was unsuccessful. The individuals were described as 2 dark-skinned males, 20's, tall, thin build, wearing black masks, black jackets and black gloves. Detective Angelo DeLieto is investigating the incident.

On January 21, 2011, at approximately 3:00 p.m. Hamden Police responded to the area of 875 Main Street on the report of a motor vehicle accident involving a snowmobile. Investigation revealed that a 15 year-old Wolcott resident was riding a snowmobile on farmland located on Main Street. It appears that the youth lost control and was ejected from the snowmobile. The youth struck a mailbox located at 875 Main Street. The 15 year-old was transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital with serious injuries. Officer Richard Dziekan of the Traffic Division is conducting the investigation.

On January 24, 2011, at approximately 8:15 p.m. Hamden Police responded to the Crown Palace Barbershop, 1461 Dixwell Avenue on the report of an armed robbery. Investigation revealed that 2 individuals, described as dark-skinned males, wearing black-colored clothing, black masks and gloves entered through a rear door. One of the individuals was armed with a black handgun. A witness attempted to contact police, at which time the individuals fled on foot, northbound on Dixwell Avenue. There was no information regarding missing items at this time. Detective Angelo DeLieto of the Detective Division is conducting the investigation.



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On January 25, 2011, Hamden Police arrested Patricia Nazario, 55, and her son William A. Guarino, 27, both of whom reside at 20 Nelson Street, New Haven, CT, on the strength of active arrest warrants. The warrants were based on an incident that had occurred on September 10, 2010, when Hamden Police responded to Custom & Precision Products, 2893 State Street, on a fraud complaint. Investigation revealed that long-time secretary, Patricia Nazario, has allegedly been embezzling funds for a number of years. That after an extensive 4-month investigation by Detective John Marks, the following information was developed: Nazario, who was in charge of payroll, allegedly paid herself an additional \$206,572.00 dating from 2004 to 2010. Nazario allegedly received an unauthorized bank debit card. Police have attributed \$40,000 in purchases to Nazario. Nazario's son, William Guarino, allegedly received goods and services regarding these unauthorized transactions. Nazario allegedly obtained over \$25,000 from illegal debits from the company's checking account. Guarino allegedly received goods and services from these debits. Patricia Nazario was charged with Larceny 1, Conspiracy to Commit Larceny 2, Identity Theft 1<sup>st</sup>, Conspiracy to Commit Identity Theft 1<sup>st</sup>, Illegal Use of a Credit Card, Conspiracy to Commit Receiving Goods or Services by Illegal Use of a Credit Card, and Fraudulent Use of an ATM. William Guarino was charged with Larceny 2<sup>nd</sup>, Conspiracy to Commit Larceny 2<sup>nd</sup>, Identity Theft 1<sup>st</sup>, Conspiracy to Commit Identity Theft 1<sup>st</sup>, Illegal use of a Credit Card, Conspiracy to Commit Illegal use of a Credit Card, Receiving Goods and Services by Illegal Use of a Credit Card, Conspiracy to Commit Receiving Goods or Services obtained by Illegal Use of a Credit Card. Both parties were released after posting \$75,000.00 court set bonds and each are scheduled to appear on February 8, 2011 in Meriden Court.

On January 25, 2011, at approximately 11:45 p.m. Hamden Police responded to Krauzer's, 1959 State Street, on the report of a burglar alarm. Upon arrival, officers found that the front glass door was shattered. Investigation revealed that an individual, described as a white male, short brown hair, with a large dark-colored tattoo on his left arm (the tattoo extends from the individuals bicep to forearm area), operating a silver/gray colored mini van, used a blunt object to break the front door. The individual then entered the store and removed a cash register drawer. An undisclosed amount of money was taken. A K-9 track was conducted with negative results. The Detective Division is investigating the incident.

On January 28, 2011, the Hamden Police Department arrested Corey Streater, 24, of 263 Sheffield Street in New Haven, on the strength of 4 warrants. The 4 arrest warrants were the result of 4-armed robberies that occurred at liquor and convenience stores during the month of January. Streater was arrested for his alleged participation in armed robberies that occurred on: January 7, 2011, PM Convenience Store, 192 Butler Street. January 10, 2011, Henny Penny, 3048 Dixwell Avenue, January 15, 2011, State Street Spirits, 2644 State Street, and January 21, 2011, State Street Spirits, 2644 State Street. Corey Streater was charged with: Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (4 counts), Conspiracy to Commit Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (3 counts), Larceny in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree (2 counts), Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree (2 counts), Larceny in the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree, Larceny in the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree and Carrying a Dangerous Weapon. Streater was detained on an \$800,000 bond. Hamden Police Detectives Mike DePalma, Angelo DeLieto and Brian Stewart conducted the investigation.



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**Incidents of Special Interest (cont)**

On January 29, 2011, the Hamden Police responded to Kohl's Department Store on the report of a shoplifting. Investigation revealed that 2 individuals, identified as Aidee Loarte and Friede Veintimilla, allegedly left the store, while pushing a baby carriage. Inside of the carriage was 1-year-old child and \$333.00 in stolen merchandise. They were both promptly arrested. Aidee Loarte, 23, of 244 Quinnipiac Avenue, Apt. 2, New Haven was charged with Risk of Injury to a Minor, Larceny in the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree. Loarte was released after posting a \$500 bond. She is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on February 10, 2011. Friede Veintimilla, 25, of 173 Fulton Street, Apt. 1 New Haven, was charged with Larceny in the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree. Veintimilla, who was released on a WPTA, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on February 10, 2011. Officer Mark Gery of the Patrol Division conducted the investigation.