



Hamden Police Department Monthly Report July 2011



Personnel Matters and Events

On July 11, 2011, Officer William C. Onofrio was transferred from the Federal Bureau of Investigation Safe Streets Gang Task Force (FBI-SSGTF) to the Patrol Division of the Field Services Bureau.

On July 18, 2011, Officer Derick Manning was temporarily transferred from the Patrol Division to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)-New Haven Task Force.

On July 18, 2011, Detective Brian Stewart was temporarily transferred from the Detective Division to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)-New Haven Task Force.

On July 18, 2011, the following personnel were temporarily transferred from the Street Interdiction Team to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)-New Haven Task Force: Lt. Gabriel Lupo, Officer Joseph Liguori, Officer Dennis Ryan, Officer Lance Helms and Officer Jomo Crawford. These assignments are expected to be 60-90 days in duration.

Training - Sworn Personnel

There was no Department wide training during the month of July.

Training: In-Service

- Collect Re-certification @ POST . Officer Timothy Brown
- Collect Re-certification @ POST . Officer Gabriel Garcia
- Safariland Defense Technologies Less Lethal Instructor Re-certification @ Cheshire Department of Corrections . Detective Stephen Rossacci
- Encase 3 Forensic @ Connecticut State Police Crime Lab . Sgt. Robert Daniello
- Tactical Firearms Training @ POST . Officer Eric Hallstrom

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

There was no training during the month of July for Dispatchers.

Incidents of Special Interest

On July 6, 2011, members of the Traffic Division and Street Interdiction Team executed 2 search warrants regarding unlicensed garages, which are operating in the town of Hamden. The warrants were served at 96-100 Columbus Street and 293 Goodrich Street. While at 96-100 Columbus Street, officers observed that numerous individuals rented several garage bays. The individuals were allegedly performing vehicle repairs, without a State of Connecticut license. Officers found that the second location, 293 Goodrich Street, was allegedly being operated without a State of Connecticut license.

Hamden Police arrested:

Charlie Barrett, 69, of 655 Fitch Street, Hamden.

Horace Brown, 56, of 58 Midhill Drive, Hamden.

Tyrus Garner, 32, of 60 Warner Street in Hamden.

(The above individuals were arrested for Operating an Unlicensed Garage. They were all released on a Written Promise to Appear.) Barrett, Brown and Garner were arrested as the result of the Columbus Street investigation.

Clarence Collins, 75, of 965 Winchester Avenue, Hamden, was charged with Operating an Unlicensed Garage. Collins was released on a Written Promise to Appear. Collins was arrested as the result of the Goodrich Street investigation.

On July 9, 2011, at approximately 12:30 a.m., New Haven Police notified Hamden Police that their Shot Finder Technology+received a signal that several gunshots were fired in the area of Goodrich Street. Investigation revealed that a 44 year-old New Haven resident was traveling on Alling Street when she heard several gunshots. Further investigation revealed that several bullets struck her vehicle. The vehicle sustained damage to the rim, tire and rear passenger door. The Detective Division is continuing the investigation.

On July 13, 2011, at approximately 2:00 a.m. Officer Gregg Curran of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle traveling on Dixwell Avenue with high beams illuminated towards oncoming traffic. He subsequently conducted a motor vehicle stop on Dixwell Avenue, near Circular Avenue. Upon approaching the vehicle, Officer Curran smelled what appeared to be the odor of marijuana, emanating from inside. Investigation led to the search of the vehicle. Officers found a small quantity of marijuana. Furthermore, officers located a loaded BB gun under the front seat. The BB gun was a facsimile of a semi-automatic handgun. The operator of the vehicle, a 15 year-old Hamden resident, was promptly arrested. His vehicle contained 3 other teen-aged occupants. The 15 year-old Hamden resident was charged with Weapons in a Motor Vehicle, Possession of Marijuana, Operating Without a License and Improper Use of High Beams. The juvenile, who is scheduled to appear in court on July 20, 2011, was turned over to the custody of his mother.



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Incidents of Special Interest (cont)

On July 17, 2011, at approximately 12:45 a.m. Hamden Police responded to 233 Goodrich Street on the report that 2 people were shot in the head. While responding, officers learned that the gunman was still inside of the residence. Information obtained indicates that 233 Goodrich Street is a boarding house. Upon arrival, Officer Shawn Natcher of the Patrol Division arrested Edward Dekine, who was holding a .38 caliber revolver in his hands. A preliminary investigation revealed that one of the victims, Frank Babcock, 40, exited his bedroom to throw out trash. While in the kitchen, another individual, who was identified as Dekine, allegedly ran from his bedroom and threw Babcock to the ground. Babcock subsequently ran into his bedroom, when a gunshot was fired. It appears that the bullet struck his wife, Joanne Brewer, 47, in the face. Both Babcock and Brewer were continuously pistol-whipped throughout the incident. Officers learned that Dekine was upset at Babcock because he believed that he was putting a sticky substance on the kitchen floor. Babcock and Brewer were transported to Yale . New Haven Hospital for medical treatment. Edward Dekine, 70, of 233 Goodrich Street, 2nd floor, Hamden, was charged with Assault in the 1st Degree (2 counts), Unlawful Discharge of a Firearm and Possession of a Weapon. Dekine, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$100,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court on July 29, 2011.

On July 17, 2011, at approximately 7:30 p.m. Hamden Police responded to the Hamden Fire Department, Station 2, located on Circular Avenue, on the report of an assault. Upon arrival officers spoke with a 17 year-old Hamden resident, who was bleeding profusely from the head. Officers learned that moments earlier, the victim was struck at least 2 times on the head with a hammer. The incident occurred on Scott Street. A short time thereafter, Sergeant John Sullivan of the Patrol Division located the individual responsible for the assault. The individual, who was later identified as James Narrow, engaged officers in a foot pursuit on Gorham Avenue. Sergeant Sullivan and Officer William Onofrio arrested him, shortly thereafter. Investigation revealed that the assault stemmed from an earlier altercation. The 17 year-old victim was immediately transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital for medical treatment. James Narrow, 20, of 187 Gorham Avenue, Hamden, was charged with Assault in the 2nd Degree, Breach of Peace and Interfering With a Police Officer. Narrow, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$25,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on July 29, 2011.

On July 19, 2011, at approximately 12:45 a.m. members of the Patrol Division responded to the area of the John Carusone Field, 325 Pine Rock Avenue, to investigate a welfare check. Hamden Central Communications originally received a 911 call from a cell phone, in which the background noise indicated a woman in distress. The call was subsequently traced to the field. Moments later, a Hamden Police Officer observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed through the gravel parking lot. The officer attempted to conduct a motor vehicle stop. The operator of the vehicle, who was later identified as Adrian Barwise, initially stopped. The officer observed a female, who was seated in the front seat, crying hysterically, attempting to exit the vehicle. The officer subsequently exited his vehicle, at which time the vehicle fled northbound on Pine Rock Avenue, nearly striking him. Hamden Police utilized stop sticks on Dixwell Avenue, near Foch Street. The sticks fully deflated one of Barwise's tires. Barwise continued northbound on Dixwell Avenue, traveling with the use of 3 tires. While on Shepard Avenue, the damaged tire started to fall off the rim. Barwise then lost control and struck a parked vehicle on Shepard Avenue. As officers approached the vehicle, Barwise attempted to escape via a rear door. Officers at this time observed an infant seated in a car seat. Officers subsequently pulled Barwise from the vehicle and arrested him.



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The female advised officers that she was sexually assaulted under a slide at John Carusone Field. She advised police that she was held against her will at both the park and inside of the vehicle. She made several attempts at fleeing with her daughter, but was not allowed to do so. A further investigation revealed that Barwise and the victim knew each other. The victim, a New Haven resident was transported to Yale . New Haven Hospital for medical treatment. Adrian Barwise, 24, of New Haven, CT, was charged with Kidnapping in the 2nd Degree (2 counts), Reckless Endangerment (2 counts), Risk of Injury to a Minor, Criminal Attempt of Assault on a Police Officer, Interfering With a Police Officer, Engaging an Officer in Pursuit and Reckless Driving. Barwise, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$50,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on July 19, 2011. Barwise was also wanted on 2 arrest warrants, which originated out of New Haven. The Detective Division is continuing this investigation and additional charges may be forthcoming.

On July 23, 2011, at approximately 10:30 p.m. Hamden Police were notified that 3 individuals were chasing several subjects on School Street. Shortly thereafter, officers were approached by 1 of the individuals, who stated that his vehicle was entered while parked in the parking lot of 2545 Whitney Avenue, and that a GPS unit was stolen. He provided a description of the subjects. Officer Mark Gery of the Patrol Division arrested 2 of the individuals, who were walking on Dixwell Avenue. Moments later, Officer Mark Gery and Officer Gregg Curran located 2 other individuals, who were hiding behind a van at a Dixwell Avenue residence. Officers located 3 bags of marijuana near the van. The 2 individuals were promptly arrested. Officers then located a fifth individual, who was hiding behind a shed at a Dixwell Avenue residence. Lamarr McElveen, 19, of 86 Shepard Street, New Haven, was charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Larceny in the 6th Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 6th Degree. McElveen, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$7,500 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on August 5, 2011. A 17 year-old New Haven resident was charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Larceny in the 6th Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 6th Degree, Possession of Marijuana, Interfering With an Officer and Simple Trespass. He was detained at police headquarters on a \$5,000 bond. A 16 year-old New Haven resident was charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Larceny in the 6th Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 6th Degree, Possession of Marijuana and Simple Trespass. He is scheduled to appear in Juvenile Court on August 2, 2011. A 15 year-old New Haven resident was charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Larceny in the 6th Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 6th Degree. He is scheduled to appear in Juvenile Court on August 2, 2011.

A 14 year-old New Haven resident was charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Larceny in the 6th Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 6th Degree, Possession of Marijuana and Simple Trespass. He is scheduled to appear in Juvenile Court on August 2, 2011.

On July 26, 2011, at approximately 12:45 a.m. Officer Shawn Natcher of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle proceed through a stop sign on Bowen Street and Cherry Ann Street. He subsequently conducted a motor vehicle stop. Upon speaking with the operator of the vehicle, Sahib Epps, Epps decided to flee in the vehicle. While traveling behind Epps's vehicle, officers watched him throw an object outside. The object was identified as 22 grams of crack cocaine. The crack cocaine was packaged in 6 smaller bags. Epps eventually stopped his vehicle on Pease Road. He then allegedly fought with officers and resisted arrest. Officers found \$1,475.00 in his possession.



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Sahib Epps, 39, of 209 Spring Street, New Haven, was arrested and charged with Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Narcotics With the Intent to Sell, Interfering With a Police Officer, Engaging an Officer in Pursuit, Reckless Driving and Failure to Obey Stop Sign. Epps, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$100,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on August 9, 2011.

On July 26, 2011, at approximately 7:30 p.m. Hamden Police responded to a Forest Street residence on the report of a person who was shot in the face with an air soft gun. Investigation revealed that an 18 year-old Hamden resident was operating a motor vehicle, which was stopped at a red control signal, in the vicinity of Hamden High School. An individual who was seated in the backseat of another vehicle then shot the female operator in the face. The individual then fired several more shots, nearly striking the female. The shot that struck the female nearly came in contact with her right eye. She refused medical treatment. A short time thereafter, officers conducted a motor vehicle stop on Whitney Avenue. The vehicle contained 2 of the 3 occupants that were responsible for the shooting. Moments later, the third individual turned himself in at police headquarters. Christopher Dynia, 20, of 335 Forest Street, Hamden, was charged with Conspiracy to Commit Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree. Dynia is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on August 9, 2011. Michael Allen, 18, of 52 Costanzo Court, Hamden, was charged with Conspiracy to Commit Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree. Allen is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on August 9, 2011. A 17 year-old Hamden resident, was charged with Assault in the 2nd Degree and Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree. He is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on August 9, 2011. Officer Robert O'Neill of the Patrol Division conducted the investigation.

On July 28, 2011, at approximately 4:15p.m., Hamden Police responded to 1 Circular Avenue on the report of a criminal mischief complaint. The caller indicated that someone had written, "SHOOT ALL COPS IN THE HEAD!" on the building. Upon arrival, officers observed the graffiti, which was written in black ink on the stone building. It was written on the southeast corner of building, in plain view of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. A witness to the incident, who subsequently chased the individual responsible, assisted police in the investigation.

Further investigation led officers to the identity of the individual, Thomas Wexler. He was arrested shortly thereafter. Wexler told police that he wrote the statement because he wanted to write "something shocking." Thomas Wexler, 31, of 1015 Whalley Avenue, Apt. C-15, New Haven, CT, was charged with Criminal Mischief in the 3rd Degree. Wexler, who was released on a Written Promise to Appear, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on August 11, 2011. Officer Mark Sheppard of the Patrol Division conducted the investigation.

On July 31, 2011, at approximately 5:00 p.m., New Haven Police attempted to stop a vehicle, which was traveling into Hamden at a high rate of speed. New Haven Police terminated the pursuit in the area of Dixwell Avenue and Goodrich Street. Moments later, the vehicle was involved in a motor vehicle accident in the area of Dixwell Avenue and Putnam Avenue. The operator of the fleeing vehicle subsequently fled on foot. Sergeant John Sullivan located and arrested the individual, who was identified as Richard Moore, several blocks from the accident scene. Officers determined that the vehicle Moore was driving was stolen out of North Haven on July 18, 2011. Richard Moore, 46, of 171 Gando Drive, New Haven was charged with Larceny in the 2nd Degree. Moore, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$20,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on August 10, 2011.