



Hamden Police Department Monthly Report July 2012



Personnel Matters and Events

On July 20, 2012, the Hamden Police Department's Traffic Division, along with the Connecticut State Police Commercial Enforcement Division, conducted commercial vehicle safety inspections at various Hamden locations. Inspections were conducted on State Street, Whitney Avenue and the Route 40 Connector. Officers inspected 47 commercial vehicles. In addition, 15 infractions were issued, with fines totaling \$1,400.00. Furthermore, 3 vehicles were taken out of service for mechanical reasons and 7 Level 1 inspections were conducted. The "Joint" multi-agency commercial vehicle inspections will continue throughout the summer months.



During the month of July, the community liaison unit was involved in the following Community outreach events:

- National Night Out Meeting
- Hamden Youth Advisory Council Meeting
- Block Watch Meeting – Ridge Road



Traffic Calming

Members of the Traffic Division deployed our newly acquired portable Speed Compliance Signs and Speed Compliance Trailer throughout areas in Town with a high volume of speeding complaints. The signs and trailer were deployed on: Mather Street, Todd Street, Waite Street, Millrock Road, and Dixwell Avenue. The Department continues to receive positive feedback from residents, schools, and business owners.





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Training - Sworn Personnel

There was no scheduled Department wide training for the month of July.

Training: In-Service

- Law Enforcement Response to People with Disabilities @ POST – Sergeant Franklin Riehl and Officer Angela Hall
- Instructor Development @ POST – Officer Jeremy Brewer
- Scientific Basics of Fingerprints @ FBI office in New Haven - Officer William C. Onofrio

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. The training curriculum included:

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



Training – Dispatchers

There was no Department wide training for Dispatchers for the month of July.



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Incidents of Special Interest

On July 2, 2012, at approximately 12:00 p.m., Officer Paul Calamita of the Patrol Division was approached by a Cheshire resident, who advised him that 2 individuals attempted to rob him at gunpoint. The victim reported that as he was riding his bicycle northbound on the Farmington Canal Trail, in the vicinity of Morse Street, he was approached by 2 individuals, one who was brandishing a firearm. The Cheshire resident quickly pedaled away to safety. Moments later, Officer Angela Hall observed one of the individuals allegedly responsible in the area of Dixwell Avenue and Morse Street. Further subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Jose Maria Islas. Jose Maria Islas, 34, of 911 Blake Street, New Haven, was charged with Conspiracy to Commit Robbery in the 2nd Degree and Breach of Peace. Islas, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$50,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on July 12, 2012.

On July 2, 2012, Hamden Police arrested two females on the strength of active arrest warrants. Jessica Cash, 25, of 350 Savin Avenue, Apt. A73, West Haven, was charged with 6 counts of Illegally Obtaining Drugs and 6 counts of Conspiracy to Illegally Obtain Drugs. Cash, who was released on a Written Promise to Appear, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on July 18, 2012. Erica Flanagan, 26, of 99 Hillside Avenue, Milford, was charged with 6 counts of Illegally Obtaining Drugs and 6 counts of Conspiracy to Illegally Obtain Drugs. Flanagan, who was released on a Written Promise to Appear, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on July 18, 2012. The arrest warrants were based on an incident that occurred on June 6, 2012, when members of the Patrol Division met with the owner of Whitneyville Dental, on the report of prescription fraud. Investigation revealed that Jessica Cash, who was an employee at Whitneyville Dental, fraudulently called in a prescription for **Hydrocodone**¹ into a local pharmacy. Cash allegedly contacted the pharmacy on 6 different occasions, between July of 2011 and May of 2012. She allegedly called in the prescription, in the name of her friend, Erica Flanagan. A total of 150 pills were given to Cash and Flanagan during this time period. Officer Craig Appleby, after completing his investigation, submitted arrest warrant applications to the court, which were subsequently approved.

¹ Hydrocodone or dihydrocodeinone is a semi-synthetic opioid derived from either of two naturally occurring opiates: codeine[1] and thebaine[2]. It is an orally active narcotic analgesic and antitussive. It is available in tablet, capsule, and syrup form.



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Incidents of Special Interest (continued)

On July 3, 2012, at approximately 2:00 a.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to 214 Morse Street on the report of a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, officers met with the victim, a 33 year-old Hamden resident, who was bleeding profusely from the head. She advised police that she was involved in a verbal altercation with her boyfriend Nathaniel Holder. She further advised officers that Holder then grabbed a vase and "smashed it over her face." The victim was subsequently transported to a local hospital by ambulance. Hamden Police conducted a search for Holder, but were unsuccessful in locating him. Officer Shawn Nutchter of the Patrol Division submitted an arrest warrant application to the court that was immediately approved. On July 7, 2012, Holder turned himself into Hamden Police custody. Nathaniel Holder, 36, of 94 Diamond Street, New Haven, was charged with Assault in the 2nd Degree and Disorderly Conduct. He was detained at police headquarters on a \$35,000 bond, and was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on July 7, 2012.

On July 6, 2012, at approximately 4:15 a.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to 284 Morse Street on the report of a home invasion. Investigation revealed that as the homeowner was asleep in his bedroom, he heard a noise in the basement. Upon checking the basement, he was confronted by 2 individuals, who were hiding near a stairway. The individuals, who are described as a black male, 5'5" and a white male, 5'5" tall, fled through a basement door. Officer John Battick and his K-9 partner "Cesar" conducted a track, which met with negative results. The Detective Division is continuing with the investigation.

On July 17, 2012, at approximately 10:00 p.m., Officer William Iannone of the Patrol Division was approached by an individual who advised him that his ex-girlfriend, Camille Sanderson was following and harassing him. Officer Iannone then observed Sanderson allegedly drive away at a high rate of speed in her motor vehicle. She engaged police in a short pursuit, which ended at the intersection of Dixwell Avenue and Circular Avenue. Upon questioning Sanderson, she became enraged and began fighting with officers. Sanderson then bit a Hamden Police Officer in the hand and was subsequently arrested. Camille Sanderson, 26, of 11728 232nd Street, Cambria Heights, New York, was charged with Assault on a Police Officer, Interfering with a Police Officer and Engaging an Officer in Pursuit. Sanderson, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$35,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on July 27, 2012. The injured officer has sought medical treatment for a hand injury.



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Incidents of Special Interest (continued)

On July 17, 2012, at approximately 10:30 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to 68 George Street on the report of a family dispute. The female resident reported that her boyfriend, Challis Taylor, forced the front door open. Upon the arrival of Officer Bryan Kelly, he observed Taylor fleeing on foot, through several backyards. Officer Matthew Barbuto subsequently detained Taylor at the intersection of Arch Street and Alstrum Street. A search of Taylor led to the discovery of 50 bags of heroin. The heroin weighed 17.2 grams. Taylor was promptly taken into custody. Challis Taylor, 26, of 68 George Street, Hamden, was charged with Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Narcotics with the Intent to Sell, Disorderly Conduct and Interfering with a Police Officer. Taylor, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$2,500.00 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on July 18, 2012.

On July 18, 2012, David B. Fein, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that Devante Fortune, also known as "Pooty," 20, of New Haven, was sentenced today by Senior United States District Judge Ellen Bree Burns in New Haven to 87 months of imprisonment, followed by four years of supervised release, for distributing crack cocaine. This matter stems from a joint law enforcement investigation conducted by the FBI New Haven Safe Streets Task Force, the DEA New Haven Task Force, the New Haven Police Department and the Hamden Police Department. Through the use of court-authorized wiretaps, investigating officers identified and dismantled a large drug-trafficking organization that was centered in the Newhallville section of New Haven and Hamden, and was responsible for the distribution of crack cocaine and cocaine throughout the Greater New Haven area. According to court documents and statements made in court, from May 2010 through October 2010, Fortune worked closely with another member of the organization to distribute multiple ounces of crack cocaine each week. Fortune also routinely possessed firearms during the course of the investigation. On March 30, 2012, Fortune pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to distribute 28 grams or more of cocaine base ("crack cocaine"). Forty-seven individuals have been charged in federal court with various narcotics offenses as a result of this investigation.





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This matter was investigated by the FBI New Haven Safe Streets Task Force (composed of members of members of the New Haven, Milford and Hamden Police Departments and the Connecticut Department of Correction), the Drug Enforcement Administration's New Haven Task Force (composed of members of the New Haven, West Haven, Meriden, Ansonia, Hamden and Branford Police Departments), along with substantial participation by members of the New Haven and Hamden Police Departments. The United States Marshals Service also has assisted the investigation. The investigation was funded in significant part by the United States Attorney's Office Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force and supported by the Office's Project Safe Neighborhoods and Anti-Gang programs. This matter is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Christopher M. Mattei and Robert M. Spector.

On July 18, 2012, at approximately 9:30 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to 112 Bradley Avenue on the report of an assault. Investigation revealed that resident Jerome Binard became engaged in a verbal altercation with his 26 year-old stepson. The altercation turned physical, when Binard allegedly threw a glass at him, striking him in the head. Hamden Fire Rescue and American Medical Response rendered medical aid to the victim. He was taken to Yale-New Hospital by a family member. Jerome Binard, 52, of 112 Bradley Avenue, Hamden, was arrested and charged with Assault in the 2nd Degree and Breach of Peace. Binard, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$500.00 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on July 19, 2012. Officer Jeremy Brewer conducted the investigation.

On July 20, 2012, at approximately 6:30 p.m., members of the Street Interdiction Team were conducting a drug investigation in the area of Dixwell Avenue and Arch Street. The investigation led to a motor vehicle stop, which was conducted at this location. Further investigation led to the search of the operator of the vehicle, Randie Gonzalez and the passenger, Engel Delhoyo. They were both in the possession of cocaine and were promptly arrested. Randie Gonzalez, 21, of 182 Ferry Street, New Haven, was charged with Possession of Narcotics. Gonzalez, who was released after posting a \$5,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on August 6, 2012. Engel Delhoyo, 24, of 38 Easton Street, Hamden, was charged with Possession of Narcotics. Delhoyo, who was released after posting a \$5,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on August 6, 2012.



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Incidents of Special Interest (continued)

On July 22, 2012, members of the Patrol Division responded to a Worth Avenue residence on the report of a burglary. Investigation revealed that as the 80 year-old resident and his wife were sleeping, an individual entered their dwelling by removing the sliding glass door. The handles on the door were found lying on the ground. It appears that the individual(s) then entered and rummaged through the residence. It is unknown at this time if anything was taken. The Detective Division is continuing the investigation.

On July 24, 2012, Jessica Barrett turned herself in at Hamden Police Headquarters after being advised that there was an active arrest warrant for her arrest. Jessica Barrett, 20, of 52 Main Street, West Haven, was charged with Falsely Reporting an Incident and False Statement in the 2nd Degree. Barrett, who was released on a Written Promise to Appear, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on August 6, 2012. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that had occurred on June 4, 2012, when Hamden Police responded to 16 Hubbard Place on the report of abduction, involving a sexual assault. The 20 year-old victim, Jessica Barrett, advised officers that on June 3, 2012, as she was walking near the Truman Street School in New Haven, her ex-boyfriend exited his vehicle, punched her in the head and then forced her into the vehicle. Barrett further advised officers that her ex-boyfriend drove her to the Hubbard Place address, where he raped her several times. She further claimed that her ex-boyfriend kept her in a closet for a period of time. In addition, she was not fed for nearly 24 hours. Barrett was subsequently transported to the Hospital of Saint Raphael. On June 5, 2012, Detectives Donald Remillard and Sean Dolan again met with Barrett regarding this investigation. Barrett advised the Detectives that she had fabricated the entire story because her ex-boyfriend had been dating another girl. Detective Remillard subsequently submitted an arrest warrant application to the court that was approved shortly thereafter.

On July 25, 2012, at approximately 12:30 p.m., members of the Patrol Division and Traffic Division responded to the report of a motor vehicle accident at 1842 Whitney Avenue. Investigation revealed that a motor vehicle, which was driven by 82 year-old Edward Zigler of North Haven, crashed into Best Video, located at 1842 Whitney Avenue. The building sustained damage to the front window and a support beam. Zigler then put the vehicle in reverse, which caused the tires to spin, which produced a large volume of smoke. Smoke subsequently filled the store, which had to be evacuated. The Hamden Fire Department and Building Inspector responded to the scene. Zigler was not injured. Officer Gregg Curran of the Traffic Division is continuing with the investigation.



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On July 26, 2012, David B. Fein, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that Rufino Candelario, 37, of New Haven, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Janet C. Hall in Bridgeport to 60 months of imprisonment, followed by four years of supervised release, for his role in a New Haven-area cocaine trafficking ring. On March 20, 2012, a federal jury found Candelario guilty of possessing with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine. According to statements made in court and the evidence disclosed during the trial, this matter stems from a year-long FBI Safe Streets Task Force investigation into a New Haven-area narcotics trafficking organization. The investigation included the use of court-authorized wiretaps that recorded defendants on numerous occasions arranging the purchase and distribution of kilograms of cocaine. On December 18, 2010, Task Force agents, assisted by members of the New Haven Police Department's Street Interdiction Unit, arrested Candelario and others while conducting a sweep of a New Haven auto-repair garage that was suspected of being a drug stash-house for the organization. A search of Candelario's vehicle parked at that location revealed four kilograms of cocaine compressed into brick form and wrapped in cellophane. Twenty-six individuals were charged as a result of the investigation. The other 25 defendants have pleaded guilty to various narcotics offenses. This case was investigated by the FBI's Safe Streets Task Force, which includes officers from the Ansonia, Hamden, New Haven and Milford Police Departments, as well as the State of Connecticut Department of Correction. The West Haven Police Department has also provided valuable assistance to the investigation. U.S. Attorney Fein also recognized the New Haven Police Department's Tactical Narcotics Unit and its Street Interdiction Unit for their assistance in making the arrests and seizures in this case. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Joseph Vizcarrondo and Michael Runowicz.

On July 27, 2012, at approximately 3:00 a.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to Albert Road on the report of individuals looking inside of parked vehicles. While en route, Officer Nicholas Lovett observed a motor vehicle flee from the area at a high rate of speed. Moments later, Officer Gabriel Garcia observed the vehicle, parked on the side of the road, running and unoccupied. Two occupants of the vehicle were apprehended shortly thereafter. Officer Craig Appleby and his K-9 Partner "Hunter" conducted a track and subsequently located Devyne Drayton hiding in a wooded area of Wintergreen Avenue. The second individual, a 15 year-old Hamden resident, was located in the area of Route 15 by the Connecticut State Police. Investigation revealed that the vehicle was stolen hours earlier from a Hamden resident. Further investigation revealed that the vehicle contained items from at least 5 other



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vehicles that had been burglarized. Devyne Drayton, 23, of 12 Lilac Street, New Haven, was arrested and charged with Larceny in the 3rd Degree, Larceny in the 5th Degree (2 counts), Larceny in the 6th Degree (2 counts), Interfering With a Police Officer and Conspiracy charges. Drayton, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$25,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on August 9, 2012. A 15 year-old Hamden resident was also charged with the same crimes as Drayton. He is scheduled to appear in Juvenile Court in New Haven on August 8, 2012. The investigation is continuing.

On July 29, 2012, at approximately 12:00 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to the area of Dixwell Avenue and Morse Street on the report of a street robbery. Investigation revealed that 3 individuals, who were riding bicycles, approached the 70 year-old victim, who was selling the New Haven Register. The individuals repeatedly struck him in the face, knocking him to the ground. The individuals, who threatened to shoot the victim, stole an undisclosed amount of money from him. He suffered injuries to his face and leg. Hamden Fire Rescue responded to provided medical assistance. The 3 individuals are described as teen-aged black males, one with hair braids and all wearing gym shorts and baseball hats. They fled on their bicycles towards the Farmington Canal Line. Patrol Officers searched the area with negative results. Officer Derick Manning of the Patrol Division conducted the investigation.

On July 29, 2012, at approximately 8:00 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to East Gate Lane on the report of a possible drug overdose. Upon arrival, officers found Henry Pond 3rd seated inside of a vehicle, bleeding from the arm. A search of his truck led to the discovery of 3 bags of heroin and 1 bag of cocaine. Pond was promptly arrested. Henry Pond 3rd, 31, of 131 Gilbert Avenue, Hamden, was charged with Possession of Narcotics and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Pond, who was released after posting a \$20,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on August 9, 2012.





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Incidents of Special Interest (continued)

On July 29, 2012, at approximately 8:00 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to the corner of Bear Path Road and Hume Drive on the report of harassment. Investigation revealed that a 22 year-old New Haven resident advised officers that her ex-husband, Mark Harris, was threatening her via text. Harris allegedly threatened to kill her and threatened bodily harm if she didn't drop a pending criminal charge that she had filed against him. Harris was wanted on an active arrest warrant for larceny out of New Haven. With the assistance of the New London Police Department, Harris was taken into custody. He was then turned over to the Hamden Police Department. Mark Harris, 30, of 40 Montauk Avenue, New London, was charged with Intimidating a Witness and Threatening in the 2nd Degree. Harris, who was detained on a \$25,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on July 30, 2012.

