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Personnel Matters and Events

Effective on June 1, 2012, Officer Derick Manning was transferred to the Patrol Division from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) – New Haven Task Force.

On June 29, 2012, the Hamden Police Department's Traffic Division, along with the Connecticut State Police Commercial Enforcement Division and the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services, conducted commercial vehicle safety inspections at various Hamden locations. Inspections were conducted on State Street, Whitney Avenue and the Route 40 Connector. Officers inspected 39 commercial vehicles. In addition, 23 infractions were issued, with fines totaling \$4,062.00. Furthermore, 4 vehicles were taken out of service for mechanical reasons and 4 Level 1 inspections were conducted. The "Joint" multi-agency commercial vehicle inspections will continue throughout the summer months.



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

- New Britain Rock Cats game that was sponsored by the Justice Department (Angela Hall, Paul Calamita, Kevin Hall,
- Holiday Hill day trip with Hamden Middle School 8th Grade Class (Angela Hall)
- Special Olympics Torch Run and Opening Ceremonies
- Helen Street School Career Fair (Angela Hall)
- Church Street School Field Day
- Safety talk at Shepherd Glen School with K-9 Demonstration conducted by Officer John Battick and his partner "Cesare"
- 8th Grade Dance at Hamden Middle School (Angela Hall)
- Hamden High School Graduation (Paul Calamita)
- Special Olympics Bicycle Ride for the Flame
- Block Watch meeting at 943 Dixwell Avenue





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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: Hartford Turnpike, Wintergreen Avenue, Woodin Street, Dixwell Avenue, and Woodlawn Avenue. The Department continues to receive positive feedback from residents, schools, and business owners.



Training - Sworn Personnel

There was no schedule Department wide training for the month of June.

Training: In-Service

- Advanced Crime Scene @ POST – Officer William C. Onofrio
- Traffic Crash Reconstruction @ POST – Officers David Falcigno and Gregg Curran
- Interview and Interrogation @ Post – Officer Timothy McKeon
- Accreditation Manager Review – Captain John Lujick
- School Crossing Guard Training – Officer David Falcigno
- Taser Use of Force Risk Management @ POST – Sgt. Franklin Riehl
- Cultural Competency Training @ POST – Officers Beatriz Montijo, Paul Calamita and Angela Hall



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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:

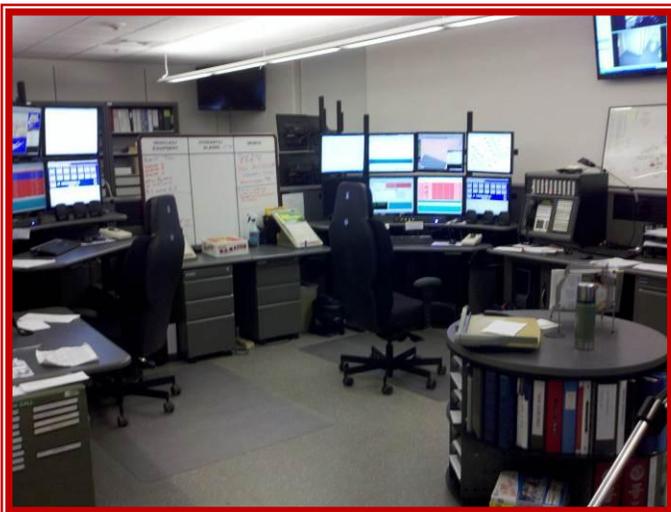
- Building searches
- Narcotics detection
- Patrol techniques
- Obedience
- Explosive detection
- Tracking
- Suspect apprehensions



Training – Dispatchers

June training for Dispatchers consisted of a review of the Employee Assistance Program and Emergency Medical Dispatching (EMD).

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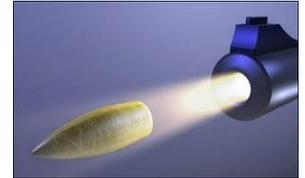
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Incidents of Special Interest

On June 1, 2012, at approximately 8:45 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to the report of shots fired in the area of Marlboro Street and Butler Street. Investigation revealed that several gunshots were fired at the following locations: Marlboro Street and Butler Street, Goodrich Street and Butler Street and Shelton Avenue and Morse Street. Officers did not receive a report of any injuries.



On June 2, 2012, at approximately 9:30 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to the area of Dixwell Avenue and Cherry Ann Street on the report of shots fired. Officers searched the area with negative results. There were no reported injuries.

On June 3, 2012, at approximately 6:00 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to the area of 37 Bowen Street on the report of shots fired. Witnesses advised police that at least 1 gunshot was fired. There were no reported injuries and a search of the area met with negative results. The 3 shootings are being investigated by the Detective Division.

On June 4, 2012 Officers responded to Bernardo Motors, 2575 State Street in Hamden and arrested David Taylor, 52, of 34 Lantern View Drive, Branford, on the strength of an active arrest warrant. He was charged with Larceny in the 1st Degree, Forgery in the 1st Degree and Misapplication of Property. Taylor, who was released on a Written Promise to Appear, is scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on June 18, 2012. The arrest was based on an incident that had occurred on May 4, 2011, when an individual arrived at Hamden Police Headquarters to file a complaint against David Taylor, the owner of Bernardo Motors, 2575 State Street in Hamden. Investigation revealed that the complainant brought his motor vehicle, a 2005 BMW, to Bernardo Motors for the purpose of selling it. Taylor allegedly agreed to sell the vehicle, in exchange for a small monetary fee. Investigation further revealed that 2 days later Taylor sold the vehicle for approximately \$40,000. Taylor allegedly deposited the proceeds of the sale into his bank account. Furthermore, he allegedly refrained from paying the seller his share from the sale, as well as failed to pay-off the sellers loan. In addition, Taylor provided the individual who purchased the vehicle with a falsified Connecticut registration. Taylor could not properly register the vehicle because he didn't pay the existing car loan, thus, didn't have access to the title. Detective Brian Stewart of the Detective Division subsequently submitted a warrant application to the court for Taylor's arrest, which was subsequently approved.



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Incidents of Special Interest (continued)

On June 5, 2012, at approximately 11:45 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to the area of Ridge Road and Park Road on the report of an emotionally disturbed person. The parents of the 31 year-old Hamden resident, advised officers that their son had run barefoot, into the wooded area of East Rock Park. Officer Jason Venditto and his K-9 partner "Titan" began a track in an attempt to locate him. Titan tracked approximately 50 yards, locating the confused and disoriented individual, who was hiding under thick brush. He was subsequently transported to the Hospital of Saint Raphael by American Medical Response for evaluation and treatment.



On June 8, 2012, Hamden Police arrested Shannon Mosca, 21, of 81 Briarcliff Road in Hamden, on the strength of an active arrest warrant. She was charged with Conspiracy to Intimidate a Witness and Conspiracy to Commit Breach of Peace. Mosca, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$50,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior court on June 8, 2012. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that occurred on March 14, 2012, when members of the Patrol Division responded to the area of 1245 Dixwell Avenue on the report of a Breach of Peace. Investigation revealed that a 19 year-old Hamden resident was walking southbound on Dixwell Avenue, when she was approached from behind by an individual, who was later identified as Warren Ligon. Ligon allegedly dispensed an unknown liquid onto her head and then subsequently fled to a motor vehicle, which was operated by Shannon Mosca. The Hamden Fire Department was summoned to render medical assistance. Further investigation revealed that Ligon and Mosca were previously arrested for allegedly burglarizing the 19 year-olds residence, months earlier. The victim advised police that she felt that this incident was in retaliation for their arrests. Officer Bryan Kelly of the Patrol Division submitted arrest warrant applications to the court for Ligon and Mosca. On May 16, 2012, Hamden Police arrested Ligon, 19, of 1280 Townsend Avenue, Apartment 4, New Haven, for Intimidating a Witness, Conspiracy to Intimidate a Witness, Breach of Peace and Conspiracy to Commit Breach of Peace. He was scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on May 16, 2012.



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Incidents of Special Interest (continued)

On June 10, 2012, at approximately 3:45 a.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to a Goodrich Street residence on the report of shots fired at the house. Investigation revealed that 2 gunshots were fired through the front door of the house. One of the bullets entered a kitchen cabinet, eventually coming to a rest in the bathroom. The residence was occupied by a mother and her 2 young children. There were no reported injuries. The Detective Division is continuing with the investigation.

On June 13, 2012, at approximately 6:00 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to the Hamden Mart, 2300 Dixwell Avenue, on the report of a shoplifting. Moments later, Sergeant Michael Doherty, observed a motor vehicle attempt to flee from the parking lot. He subsequently conducted a



motor vehicle stop. Investigation revealed that Willie Simmons and Nathan McCloud allegedly attempted to steal 3 bottles of liquor from Wine Merchants. Further investigation revealed that 3 additional stolen bottles of liquor from Wine Merchants were found inside of the vehicle. The stolen liquor was valued at \$166.94. While officers searched the vehicle, which was operated by Jennifer Stokes, they found several

articles of stolen clothing from “Jimmy’s Hip Hop Spot” (1225 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden), “Casual Male” (1869 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden), “Avenue” (2165 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden) and “Gap” (2165 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden). The stolen items were valued at over \$2,000.00. All three people were arrested. Willie Simmons, 48, of 383 Shelton Avenue, New Haven, Nathan McCloud, 24, of 62 West 124th Street, Apt. 5A, New York, New York, and Jennifer Stokes, 27, of 17 Ridge Court East, Apt. C7, West Haven, CT. All of the aforementioned individuals were charged with Larceny in the 3rd Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 3rd Degree, Organized Retail Theft and Possession of a Shoplifting Device. They were all detained at police headquarters on a \$20,000 bond and were scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on June 27, 2012. Officer William Iannone of the Patrol Division conducted the investigation.



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Incidents of Special Interest (continued)



On June 14, 2012, at approximately 9:15 a.m., Hamden Police Detectives Brian Stewart and Sean Dolan arrested Johnny Lee Grant Jr. on the strength of an active arrest warrant for the street robbery that occurred on May 6, 2012. Grant was arrested while walking on Shelton Avenue in New Haven.

Johnny Lee Grant Jr., 19, of 360 Goodrich Street, Hamden, was charged with Robbery in the 2nd Degree, Larceny in the 2nd Degree and Assault in the 3rd Degree.

Grant, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$35,000 court set bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on June 28, 2012. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that had occurred on May 6, 2012, during the early morning hours, when Hamden Police responded to the area of Goodrich Street and Dixwell Avenue on the report of a street robbery and an assault. Investigation revealed that an 18 year-old female was walking on Goodrich Street when she was approached by approximately 8 black males.

One of the individuals, described as 5'5", heavy-set, dressed in black, allegedly demanded her belongings. The victim refused, at which time the individual grabbed her by the hair and threw her to the ground. While on the ground, she was repeatedly punched in the head. The 18 year-old suffered a head injury and her personal belongings were taken. The large group fled the area on foot in different directions. Detective Donald Remillard of the Detective Division conducted the investigation and submitted an arrest warrant affidavit, which was subsequently approved for the arrest of Grant.

On June 15, 2012, at approximately 11:15 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to the area of Dixwell Avenue and Easton Street on the report of a shooting. Further reports indicated that a victim was lying on the ground. Upon arrival, officers searched the area, but could not locate the victim. Officers later learned that the victim, identified as Jeffrey Crewe, 37, of West Haven, was driven to the Hospital of Saint Raphael by another individual. Crewe, who was shot in the back, suffered serious injuries. Officer Craig Appleby and his K-9 partner "Hunter" conducted a track, which led to the area of Goodrich Street. The Major Crime Unit has assumed the investigation.



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On June 16, 2012, at approximately 2:45 a.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to 201 London Drive on the report of a bullet fired into a residence. Investigation revealed that while the occupants were asleep in bed, a bullet penetrated the bedroom ceiling wall, entered a second interior wall and then fell to the floor. There were no injuries. Officers canvassed the area to locate the shooter, but met with no results. Officer Michael Nawrocki conducted the initial investigation and the Major Crimes Unit is continuing the investigation.

On June 21, 2012, at approximately 1:30 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to the parking lot of 1245 Dixwell Avenue, on the report of several children left unattended in a vehicle. Upon arrival officers found 6 children, ages 2 through 12, inside the vehicle. Hamden Fire Rescue was summoned to the scene to evaluate the



children. According to a local weather service, the outside temperature was 98 degrees. Several minutes later, Porseha Benjamin, emerged from a local retail store. She advised officers that she left the children unattended for a few minutes. She was promptly arrested. Porseha Benjamin, 32, of 73 Waybossett Street, Apt. B, New Haven, was charged with 6 counts of leaving a Child Unattended in a Motor Vehicle. Benjamin, who was released on a Written Promise to Appear, is scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on July 6, 2012. The Department of Children and Families was contacted. Officer Michael Pantera of the Patrol Division conducted the investigation.

On June 21, 2012, the New Haven Police Department detained Sally Douglas on an approved arrest warrant from our department. Members of the Patrol Division subsequently responded to New Haven and arrested Douglas. She was transported to Hamden Police Headquarters where she was processed. Sally Douglas, 21, of 66 Norton Street, New Haven, was charged with Robbery in the 3rd Degree, Assault in the 3rd Degree and Larceny in the 6th Degree. Douglas, who was released after posting a \$10,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on July 2, 2012. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that had occurred on February 22, 2012, at approximately 2:00 p.m., when Hamden Police responded to the Conway Store, 1245 Dixwell Avenue on the report of a shoplifting.



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Incidents of Special Interest (continued)

Investigation revealed that an individual, who was later identified as Sally Douglas, allegedly exited the store without paying for several items. When approached by the store manager, Douglas allegedly struck him in the face, twisted his arm and then bit his finger. Douglas subsequently fled on foot, but not before damaging a store door frame, by kicking it. Detective Sean Dolan of the Detective Division was assigned the investigation. He submitted an arrest warrant application to the court for Douglas that was subsequently approved.

On June 21, 2012, David B. Fein, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that ROGER SULLIVAN, also known as "Manny O," 35, of New Haven, was sentenced today by Senior United States District Judge Ellen Bree Burns in New Haven to 84 months of imprisonment, followed by three 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 June 2010 through October 2010, SULLIVAN was intercepted several times over a wiretap ordering distribution quantities of crack cocaine from other members of the drug trafficking organization. He then sold the crack to his own customers for profit. Also, on October 14, 2010, SULLIVAN sold crack cocaine to an undercover law enforcement officer. SULLIVAN was arrested in November 18, 2010. On that date, law enforcement officers seized crack cocaine, which was packaged for sale, and a loaded semi-automatic pistol from a bedroom closet at the location of SULLIVAN's arrest. On June 30, 2011, SULLIVAN pleaded guilty to one count of distribution of cocaine base ("crack cocaine"). As part of his plea, he also acknowledged that he was responsible for the crack cocaine and the firearm seized at the time of his arrest. Forty-seven individuals have been charged in federal court with various narcotics offenses as a result of this investigation. U.S. Attorney Fein noted that federal prisoners are required to serve at least 85 percent of their sentenced term of imprisonment and are not eligible for parole.





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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 June 23, 2012, Officer William May of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle traveling on Arch Street with defective equipment. A motor vehicle stop was subsequently conducted on Dix Street. Investigation led to the search of the operator of the vehicle, Samantha Gigliotti, and her vehicle. Officers seized 4 bags of marijuana that weighed 172 grams, and has a street value of \$3,440.00. In addition, officers seized 32 Oxycodone pills, which have a street value of \$960.00 and \$1,842.00 in United States currency. Gigliotti was promptly arrested.

Samantha Gigliotti, 22, of 34 Second Street, Hamden, was charged with Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Narcotics With the Intent to Sell, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana With the Intent to Sell, Failure to Keep Prescription in Original Container and Operating a motor vehicle With a Defective Taillight.

Gigliotti, who was released after posting a \$5,000.00 bond, is scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on July 9, 2012.



Examples of the aforementioned drugs



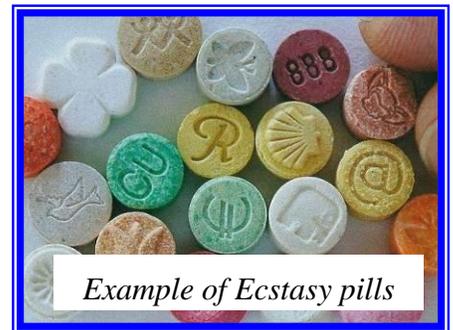
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Incidents of Special Interest (continued)

During the past month, the Street Interdiction Team conducted several drug investigations, three (3) in the southern section of town, the fourth on State Street. The investigations resulted in the execution of four (4) search warrants during the week of June 25, 2012. The search warrants were executed with the assistance of the Patrol Division, Emergency Services Unit and the K-9 Unit, as well as the New Haven Police Department. The following evidence was seized in the execution of the search warrants:

- 169 wax folds of Heroin (estimated street value - \$1,700.00)
- 103 grams of Marijuana (estimated street value - \$2,060.00)
- 18 Ecstasy Pills (estimated street value - \$450.00)
- \$4,749.00



Hamden Police arrested the following 5 individuals: Azack Thompson, 27, of 886 Dixwell Avenue, Apt. 3R, Hamden, was charged with Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Narcotics With the Intent to Sell, Operating a Drug Factory and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He is scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on July 12, 2012. Damian Digennaro, 32, of 1687 State Street, Hamden, was charged with Possession of Narcotics and Possession of Narcotics With the Intent to Sell. He is scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior on July 10, 2012. Richard Rose, 42, of 174 Homestead Avenue, West Haven, was charged with Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana With the Intent to Sell and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He is scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on July 10, 2012. Shawnte Swint, 26, of 74 Ivy Street, New Haven, was charged with Possession of Hallucinogens, Possession of Hallucinogens With the Intent to Sell, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Marijuana With the Intent to Sell. He is scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on July 10, 2012. William Dill, 27, of 70 Chatham Street, New Haven, was charged with 4 counts of Violation of Probation. He is scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on July 10, 2012. On June 30, 2012, at approximately 4:30 p.m., Officer Mark Gery of the Patrol Division was on patrol, looking for the motor vehicle that was used in a North Haven bank robbery. He subsequently located it at 72 Walter Lane. Hamden Police promptly contacted the North Haven Police Department. Shortly thereafter, officers arrested Menelik Smith, who was inside of the Walter Lane residence. The North Haven Police Department had obtained an arrest warrant for him. Smith was turned over to the custody of the North Haven Police Department.



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