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Personnel Matters and Events

On March 28, 2011, Sergeant Nathan Youngberg was assigned back to the Patrol Division from long term injury leave status.

On March 28, 2011, Sergeant Paul Scarcella was transferred back to his regular assignment as Supervisor of the Central Communications Division from the Patrol Division. Sgt. Scarcella had been filling Sergeant Youngberg's patrol position due to an earlier, duty related, injury suffered by Sergeant Youngberg.

On March 28, 2011, Investigator Joshua Cameron was transferred from the Street Interdiction Team to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) New Haven Task Force to continue his work as a valued team member.

Training - Sworn Personnel

During the month of March, training for the Department consisted of Cultural Awareness, which was conducted by members of the U.S. Department of Justice Community Relations Service. Rape Investigations, and Introduction to Telestaff were conducted by Sgt. Ragozzino and Sgt. Diaz.

Training: In-Service

States Attorney School @ POST – Officer Michael Romanelli, Investigator Joshua Cameron and Officer Robert Manfield.

First Line Supervisor School @ POST – Sergeant Michael Doherty

Responding to a Terrorist Attack – Captain John Lujick, Detective Angelo Delieto and Investigator Dennis Ryan

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Leadership School – Lieutenant Kevin Samperi, Sergeant David Ng, Sergeant Nathan Youngberg and Sergeant Colin Kearns

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 other Police Department civilians. Topics of training were Cultural Awareness and Introduction into Telestaff.

Incidents of Special Interest

On March 1, 2011, at approximately 5:30 p.m. Lieutenant Tim Wydra responded to Quinnipiac University on a drug investigation. Investigation revealed that 2 Quinnipiac University students were allegedly in the possession of 42 grams of marijuana and Magic mushrooms. The drugs were found in a dormitory room. Quinnipiac University Security assisted in the investigation. Christopher Folsom, 19, of 275 Mt. Carmel Avenue in Hamden and Adrian Miles, 19, of 9 Garden Street in New Buryport, Massachusetts were both arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana With the Intent to Sell, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of an Hallucinogenic and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Both were released after posting a \$10,000 bond. They are scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on March 15th.

On March 1, 2011, at approximately 8:30 p.m. Officer William May of the Patrol Division observed an individual traveling on Goodrich Street without wearing a seat belt. A motor vehicle stop was subsequently conducted. Further investigation led to the search of the operator of the vehicle, Jeremy Morton. Morton, who is on parole, was found to be in possession of 51 bags of crack cocaine and \$270.00. The crack cocaine weighed 11.5 grams. Officers seized the narcotics, currency and the vehicle Morton was operating. Jeremy Morton, 25, of 963 Sherman Avenue in New Haven was arrested charged with Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Narcotics With the Intent to Sell, Operating Under Suspension and Failure to Wear Seat Belt. Morton, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$60,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on March 15th.

On March 5, 2011, at approximately 9:40 pm Hamden Police responded to the area of 192 Butler Street on the report of a shooting with one victim. Police found David Barnett (DOB 03/06/91) was shot in the buttocks while leaving the corner store. Barnett was transported to Yale New Haven Hospital to be treated for his injuries. The victim stated that he was shot and did not know exactly what happened and two of his companions where uncooperative with Police. Detective Angelo DeLieto is conducting the investigation.



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Incidents of Special Interest (cont)

On March 8, 2011, at approximately 10:30 pm Hamden Police responded to 95 Concord Street on the report of a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, officers found the victim outside of her residence crying. Investigation revealed that the female complainant was assaulted by her boyfriend (Christopher Barbiuto), and that he also pushed a 16 year old female against a wall when she attempted to intervene. A short time later, Sgt. John Sullivan of the Patrol Division spotted (Barbiuto) running from his m/v in the area of West Side Drive and Pleasant Drive and a perimeter was quickly established and a K-9 Unit was called to the area. Officer Michael Nawrocki and his K-9 partner "Hank" responded to the area and tracked the suspect, who was hiding under a deck of a single family residence. Barbiuto was uncooperative and refused to obey Officer's commands. Officer Nawrocki deployed K-9 "Hank" after numerous warnings and "Hank" bit the suspect who fought with the dog for a short time and was eventually taken into custody with the assistance of several officers. A short time later, Officer Nawrocki was taking the dog out of the Police car when K-9 "Hank" collapsed to the ground. The K-9 was in severe distress and was rushed to Central Veterinary Hospital in New Haven. K-9 "Hank" was admitted to the hospital for treatment and is expected to recover. Christopher J. Barbiuto, 40, of 155 Westside Drive, Hamden was arrested and charged with Assault 3rd, Criminal Attempt to Commit Assault 3rd, Reckless Endangerment 2nd, Disorderly Conduct, Interfering with an Emergency call, Criminal Mischief 3rd, and Interfering with Police/Resisting. Barbiuto was held on a 10,000.00 non-surety bond and given a court date of 03/09/2011.

On March 9, 2011, at approximately 5:00 p.m. Hamden Police responded to the area of Dixwell Avenue and Putnam Avenue on the report of an assault. The 25 year-old complainant advised officers that after she exited a store located at Dixwell Avenue and Putnam Avenue, 4 females approached her. The 4 females ordered her to give them her bag. When she refused, the 4 females assaulted her by punching and kicking her in the face and head. The females allegedly stole the victim's cell phone. The Hamden Fire Department responded and rendered medical treatment. The victim sustained face and head injuries. Investigation led officers to 90 Cherry Ann Street. Officers arrested the 4 females, who were found inside of the residence. Lajharra Richardson, 24, of 90 Cherry Ann Street, Hamden; Shatoya Fluitt-Morris, 23, of 135 James Street, New Haven; Asia Tate, 19 of 149 Clay Street, New Haven; and a 17-year old New Haven resident were all charged with Robbery 3rd and Assault 3rd and held on a \$5,000.00 dollar Non-Surety bond with a court date of March 22nd.

On March 10, 2011, at approximately 1:30 am Hamden Police responded to the area of Shepard Street near Goodrich Street on a report of shots fired. Officers were advised through dispatch that New Haven P.D.'s "Shot Spotter" system had indicated that shots were fired in the area of Shepard Street. Investigation revealed that Terrell Sherman of New Haven, CT had located his friend's stolen motor vehicle that was being operated by 3 unknown males. The vehicle had been reported stolen earlier on March 9, 2011. Sherman followed the vehicle to the area of Shepard Street near Goodrich Street when the vehicle stopped. The occupants exited the vehicle and fired multiple shots into the vehicle that was operated by Sherman. Sherman was not injured. The three suspects are described as black males who were wearing all black. Hamden Police Department's Major Crimes Unit and Crime Scene Unit are continuing the investigation. Anyone with information was asked to contact Detective Angelo DeLieto at (203) 230 – 4040. All calls will remain confidential.



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On March 10, 2011, Lamont George turned himself in to Police Headquarters on the strength of 2 arrest warrants. George, 21, of 150 Parkside Drive in New Haven, was charged with 2 counts of Falsely Reporting an Incident, Threatening in the 1st Degree and Breach of Peace in the 2nd Degree. George, who is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on March 18th, was released after posting a \$5,000 bond. The arrest warrants were based on an incident that had occurred on February 25 and February 27, during the early evening hours, when Hamden Police responded to AAA Motor Club, 35 Worth Avenue, on the report of bomb threats. During the February 25th incident, employees were evacuated and the New Haven Police Department Bomb Squad assisted in the investigation. Officers did not locate a bomb. The Detective Division assumed the investigation. As a result, Detective Brian Stewart submitted 2 search warrants. Investigation led to the arrest of Lamont George, who was hired as seasonal help. George allegedly made the bomb threats from inside of AAA.

On March 11, 2011, and at 1:54 p.m., the Hamden Police Department and Animal Control Department responded to a sick raccoon service call in the area of 327 Mill Rock Road. Upon arrival, Animal Control personnel determined that the raccoon was seriously injured. The raccoon was euthanized and removed from the area by Animal Control personnel. While on the scene, it was reported to Animal Control and Police personnel that an unidentified woman came into contact with the injured raccoon when she picked it up and removed it from the street. On March 12, 2011, it was determined through a testing procedure that the raccoon was suffering from rabies. The unidentified woman who is believed to have come into contact with the rabid raccoon was asked to contact the Hamden Police Department at (203) 230-4000 as well as seek immediate medical attention.

On March 15, 2011, the Hamden Police Department and Animal Control Division received a telephone call from an 81 year-old Hamden resident. She advised Hamden Animal Control that she was the person who came in contact with the rabid raccoon on March 11th. She further advised Animal Control that she thought the injured animal was a dog. The 81 year-old, who has begun prophylaxis at a local hospital, was alerted of the severity of the situation by the local media. The Hamden Police Department would like to sincerely thank the media for providing constant information regarding this incident. With there help, a possible tragedy was averted.

On March 13, 2011, at approximately 6:15 a.m. Hamden Police responded to the area of Shepard Avenue and Nolan Road on the report of suspicious activity. A witness advised officers that an individual was acting suspiciously inside of a vehicle that was parked on Nolan Road. Moments later, Sergeant Michael Sigmon of the Patrol Division observed an individual hiding in the area of West Shepard Avenue. Investigation led to the search of this individual, identified as Jose Santiago. Officers seized money and electronic equipment, which was in his possession. Further investigation revealed that these items were stolen from a vehicle that was parked on Nolan Road. Jose Santiago, 20, of 35 Twin Brook Road, Hamden was arrested and charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree and Larceny in the 6th Degree. Santiago, who was released after posting a \$5,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on March 26th.



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On March 14, 2011, at approximately 6:30 p.m. Officer William May of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle proceed through a stop sign, located at the intersection of Morse Street and Winchester Avenue. A motor vehicle stop was subsequently conducted. Investigation led to the search of the operator, identified as Damon Moses. Officers seized 22 bags of marijuana, weighing 122.2 grams. Furthermore, officers seized \$1,201.00 in cash. The drugs and money were allegedly in the possession of Moses. Damon Moses, 45, of 2671 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana With the Intent to Sell and Failure to Obey Stop Sign. Moses, who was released after posting a \$10,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on March 28th.

On March 15, 2011, members of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle traveling on Skiff Street at a high rate of speed. A motor vehicle stop was conducted. Further investigation led to the search of the vehicle where Officers located a small quantity of crack cocaine. The operator of the vehicle, Heidle Orkisz was subsequently arrested. A search of Orkisz revealed that she was in the possession of 45 Oxycodone and 22 Xanax pills. Heidle Orkisz, 28, of 8 Blackstone Avenue in Branford. She was charged with Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Narcotics With the Intent to Sell, Failure to Keep Prescription in Proper Container, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Illegally Passing on the Right and Operation Without Insurance. Orkisz, who was released after posting a \$10,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on March 29th.

On March 16, 2011, at approximately noon, Hamden Police responded to the Bank of America, 2340 Dixwell Avenue on the report of a bank robbery. A preliminary investigation had revealed that an individual, described as a black male, 50's, 5'5", average build, wearing glasses, approached the bank teller and demanded money. The individual implied that he was in the possession of a weapon. The individual fled with an undisclosed amount of money. On March 17, 2011, after an intensive investigation, Hamden Police Officers captured: Michael Carlton Reddick (DOB 08/01/54) of 387 Millrock Road, Hamden, CT, and charged him with the Robbery at The Bank of America that occurred on the previous day. Reddick was charged with: ROBBERY 1st Degree, Conspiracy to Commit ROBBERY 1st Degree, LARCENY 2nd Degree, Conspiracy to Commit LARCENY 2nd Degree, and held on a \$250,000 bond with a court date of March 31, in Meriden. Reddick is a Convicted Felon with several previous arrests for Robbery. The investigation and subsequent arrest was the collaborative effort by members of the Patrol Division, Major Crimes Unit, and Special Operations Division, as well as by members of the Milford Police Department Detective Division.

On March 16, 2011, at approximately 3:00 p.m. Hamden Police responded to the Terrace Restaurant, located at 1559 Dixwell Avenue on a suspicious activity complaint. Investigation revealed that a female customer had located a recording device in the women's bathroom. During the investigation that was conducted by members of the Patrol Division and members of the Major Crimes Unit, the owner of the restaurant Nitipong Pruchyanmit was interviewed. Subsequent to this interview, officers located a Nikon battery charger in the Terrace Restaurant, which led officers to Pruchyanmit's vehicle where they located a green Nikon Camera in the glove box. Pruchyanmit, who identified himself as Jeff Pruchyanmit DOB: 04/03/81 stated that the camera did belong to him and that he had placed it in the women's bathroom, under the sink facing the toilet area and turned it on to record video. Pruchyanmit was placed under arrest and charged with Tampering with Evidence, Voyeurism and Breach of Peace. During the processing of Pruchyanmit, further investigation revealed that he was in the United States illegally and had several identities. Pruchyanmit was also charged with Criminal Impersonation, Intefering with Police, and Forgery. Pruchyanmit was being held on a \$100,000.00 dollar bond and a detainer from the Department of Homeland Security.



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On March 19, 2011, at approximately 4:30 p.m. members of the Patrol Division responded to the parking lot at 1191 Dixwell Avenue regarding the complaint of risk of injury to a minor. Upon arrival officers learned that 2 children, aged 2 and 8, were left inside of a parked vehicle, unattended. Officers determined that the children were left alone, inside of the vehicle for between 15 to 25 minutes. Officers located their father, Zacarri Graham, who was attending to another relative, at a local business located across the street. Graham was promptly arrested. Furthermore, officers learned that Graham was wanted on an arrest warrant originating from the Connecticut State Police. Zacarri Graham, 29, of 34 Ellsworth Avenue, New Haven, was charged with 2 counts of Risk of Injury to a Minor. Graham, who was released after posting a \$2,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on March 19, 2011. Patrol Officer Matthew Barbuto conducted the investigation.

On March 22, 2011, Hamden Police arrested Alberto Agront on the strength of an arrest warrant. Agront turned himself in at police headquarters. Alberto Agront, 39, of 38 Centre Mall, Apt. 1A, Brooklyn, New York, was charged with Robbery in the 2nd Degree, Larceny in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Attempt to Commit Larceny in the 4th Degree and Reckless Driving. Agront, who was released after posting a \$100,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on April 7th. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that had occurred on February 14, 2011 at approximately 11:30 a.m. when Hamden Police responded to Home Depot, 1873 Dixwell Avenue, on the report of a larceny. Officers were advised that the individual responsible, fled in a motor vehicle. Moments later, Deputy Chief Bo Kicak conducted a motor vehicle stop on the vehicle on Route 15. As he approached the vehicle, it fled northbound on Route 15. Shortly thereafter, the abandoned vehicle was discovered in a driveway on Hartford Turnpike in North Haven. A search for the operator was unsuccessful. Investigation revealed that a light-skinned male allegedly attempted to leave the store with merchandise. As a security guard approached, the individual bit the security guard and threatened to stab him with a syringe containing the AIDS virus. After a lengthy investigation by Deputy Chief Kicak and Officer Patrick McCue, an arrest warrant was submitted to the court for Alberto Agront. The investigation took officers to Brooklyn, New York.

On March 23, 2011 at approximately 12:00 p.m. members of the Patrol Division responded to High Top Circle on the report of a small child wandering in the street. Upon arrival, officers spoke with a local resident, who observed the child walking in the middle of the street, unattended. According to the resident, the child was nearly struck by a motor vehicle. The child, who is 1 year and 9 months old, was clad in pajamas. He was not wearing shoes or socks. Furthermore, the child's diaper was filled with both recent and dried up feces. Hamden Fire Rescue was summoned to examine the child. Fire Rescue personnel determined that the child was in need of medical attention. An ambulance transported the child to Yale-New Haven Hospital. Furthermore, the Department of Children and Families were contacted. A short time later, officers located the child's father, Adrian Nelson. Nelson allegedly laid down to take a nap with his son at 10:00 a.m. When he woke up, his son was missing. Adrian Nelson was promptly arrested and charged with Risk of Injury and released on a \$1,000.00 Non-surety bond with a court date of 04/06/2011.



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On March 25, 2011, at approximately 9:28 p.m., Officer William May IV of the Patrol Division, observed a motor vehicle traveling on Morse Street near the intersection of Newhall Street, with the operator not wearing a seat belt. A motor vehicle stop was conducted on Newhall Street near Morse Street. While interviewing the operator, later identified as Tyrick Thomas, DOB 08/13/89, Officer May detected an odor of burnt marijuana emanating from the interior of the vehicle. A subsequent investigation also determined that Thomas was the subject of 2 active arrest warrants from the New Haven Police Department for Failure to Appear in court and Violation of Probation. The Violation of Probation warrant stemmed from Thomas being unlawfully in possession of a firearm. Thomas was handcuffed and placed under arrest. A passenger in the vehicle, identified as Jazzeare Mabery, DOB 02-10-87, was observed reaching under the driver's seat while Thomas was being placed under arrest. Mabery stepped out of the vehicle and was observed placing something down her pants. Officer May observed the butt of a firearm sticking out of the belt line of Mabery's pants. Mabery was immediately handcuffed and the firearm seized. The firearm was identified as a fully loaded Baretta Model 84F 9mm. Tyrick Thomas of 182 York Street, New Haven, CT was charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon, Weapon In A Motor Vehicle, Carrying a Pistol Without A Permit, and Failure to Wear A Seatbelt. Thomas is scheduled to appear at GA 7 in Meriden on 4-7-2011 at 0900 hours. Thomas was held on a \$50,000 bond. The two New Haven warrants were for Violation of Probation, and Failure to Appear 1st. Thomas was also held on \$40,000 and \$10,000 bonds respectively. Jazzeare Mabery of 573 Dixwell Avenue, New Haven, CT and was charged with Carrying A Pistol Without a Permit, Interfering with a Police Officer, and Tampering With Evidence. Mabery is scheduled to appear at GA 7 in Meriden on 4-7-2011. Mabery was released on a \$10,000 bond.

On March 23, at approximately 12:45 p.m. Hamden Police responded to 41 Haig Street on the report of suspicious activity. Investigation revealed that 2 individuals, affiliated with the building, arrived and observed another individual removing a large quantity of scrap metal. Furthermore, the building was left in disarray. The individuals subsequently contacted Hamden Police, at which time the person responsible for the attempted theft and damage fled in a vehicle. After a thorough investigation, Officer Robert O'Neill of the Patrol Division determined that the person responsible was Timothy Bruneau. Bruneau eventually turned himself in at police headquarters later on in the day. Timothy Bruneau, 20, of 103 Fenway Drive, Hamden was arrested and charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Attempt to Commit Larceny in the 5th Degree and Criminal Mischief in the 2nd Degree. Bruneau, who was released after posting a \$5,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on April 6th.

On March 28, 2011, at approximately 11:00 a.m. Hamden Police responded to the report of a struck pedestrian in the vicinity of Dixwell Avenue and Old Dixwell Avenue. The victim, a 57 year-old New Haven resident, was struck by a vehicle driven by a Hamden resident. Her name is not being released pending notification of her family. She was transported to the Hospital of Saint Raphael and is listed in stable condition. Anyone with information was asked to contact Officer David Falcigno of the Traffic Division at (203) 230-4000.



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On March 27, 2011, Hamden Police arrested Victor Alvarado on the strength of an active arrest warrant stemming from a robbery that occurred at Bon-Ton, 2300 Dixwell Avenue, on February 14, 2011. Bail Enforcement Officers brought him to police headquarters. During the initial incident, Alvarado allegedly left the store while in the possession of nearly \$1,700 in stolen coats. As security personnel approached him, Alvarado allegedly fought with them. The stolen coats were recovered. Officer Eric Goclowski of the Patrol Division subsequently conducted an investigation and submitted a warrant for Alvarado's arrest. Victor Alvarado, 44, of 173 Franklin Street, New Haven was charged with Robbery in the 3rd Degree, Larceny in the 4th Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 4th Degree and Criminal Trespass in the 1st Degree. Alvarado, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$10,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on April 13th. Furthermore, Alvarado was arrested on 3 additional warrants, charging him with Failure to Appear in the 2nd Degree and 2 counts of Violation of Probation.