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Personnel Matters and Events

On March 21, 2013, members of the Traffic Division worked with the Connecticut State Police Truck Squad Unit to enforce commercial motor vehicle laws. The officers stopped approximately 17 commercial vehicles (trucks), conducted level I inspections on 5 vehicles, and issued 5 Infractions totaling \$827.00 dollars in fines. The enforcement event was conducted on the entrance ramp to the route 40 connector at the intersection of Whitney Avenue and Ives Street.

On March 26, 27, and 28, 2013, Lt. Francis McDermott and Officer Jason Venditto and were invited to New Castle County Delaware to manage Police K-9 certifications for Police K-9 teams from across Delaware and Pennsylvania. Corporal First Class Mark Tobin and the New Castle County Police K-9 Unit hosted the certification event just outside of Wilmington, DE. Corporal Tobin is the Northeast director for the National Police Canine Association (NPCA), the second largest K-9 association in the United States. Lt. McDermott and Officer Venditto certified over 50 police K-9 teams from the Delaware State Police, New Castle County Police, Wilmington Police and other smaller police agencies from throughout the area. Teams were certified in the areas of narcotics detection, explosive detection, building searches, area searches, tracking, obedience and aggression control. The trip was a tremendous success and they were asked to return as K-9 instructors for the upcoming K-9 Academy being conducted by the New Castle County Police.



K-9 Certifications in New Castle Delaware conducted by Lt. Francis McDermott and Officer Jason Venditto



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During the month of March, the Community Liaison Unit was involved in the following community outreach events:

- Hamden Youth Advisory Council Meeting
- Southern Connecticut State University Women in Policing Forum
- Police & Youth Grant Meetings with Kids (3 Sessions)
- March Madness Basketball event at the Hamden Youth Center
- Police and Youth Grant Dance



March Madness Basketball event held at the Hamden Youth Center



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Traffic Calming

Members of the Traffic Division deployed Speed Compliance Units on Woodin Street, Lane Street, Wilmont Road and Westside Drive.



Flash of light when speed is recorded over the posted speed limit, which simulates that a photograph was taken of the violator.



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Training - Sworn Personnel

Department-wide training for the month of March consisted of Legal Update with Attorney Elliot Spector.

Training: In-Service

- States Attorney School @ POST – Officers Beatriz Montijo, Patrick McCue, and Eric Goclowski
- Street Crime Seminar @ Norwalk Police Department – Officers Mark Sheppard and Michael Mello
- Active Shooter @ Milford Police Department – Sergeants John Testa and David Ng
- First Responder Course @ North Haven Police Department – Lieutenants Timothy Wydra and Michael McNeil, Sergeant John Sullivan, Detectives Raymond Quinn, Scott Levenduski, and Stephen Rossacci, Officers Stephen Baris and Eric Hallstrom
- On March 19, 2013, members of the Emergency Services Unit and Patrol Division participated in an “Active Shooter” training session that was held at the Hamden Middle School. The training consisted of a 2 hour power point presentation and 8 Active Shooter scenarios. The training sessions were met with positive reactions from Officers and morale was high that they were able to participate in such an important training event. To briefly summarize, the training primarily focused on responsibilities of the first responders to an Active Shooter incident. This included where to park the police cruisers upon arrival, immediate leadership issues, utilization of proper equipment, and the very important and critical aspect of movements through hallways and rooms as a team while searching large facilities.

Training – K-9

K-9 Units participated in training sessions at the Michael J. Whelan building on Newhall Street with several other agencies. The training curriculum included:

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



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Training – Dispatchers

Dispatch personnel also attended the Department-wide training sessions on Legal Update that was conducted by Attorney Elliot Spector.





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Incidents of Special Interest

On March 1, 2013, David B. Fein, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that a federal jury in New Haven has found Manokus Fields, also known as "Fresh," 30, of New Haven, guilty of conspiracy to distribute 280 grams or more of cocaine base ("crack cocaine"). The jury returned the verdict following a three-day trial before Senior United States District Judge Ellen Bree Burns. According to statements made in court and the evidence disclosed during the trial, this matter stems from a joint law enforcement investigation conducted in 2010 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 headed by Joseph Jackson, also known as "Mighty" and "M.I.," and centered in the Newhallville section of New Haven and Hamden. From June 2010 through October 2010, Fields was intercepted over the wiretap regularly arranging to meet Jackson and others at locations in Newhallville and New Haven's Fair Haven neighborhood to purchase "8-balls" (3.5 grams) of crack cocaine. Fields then divided the crack into 27 individual packages containing approximately one-tenth of a gram, which he sold to customers for \$10 each. At trial, Fields maintained that he bought crack cocaine from the members of the conspiracy, but was not a conspirator himself. The jury rejected this defense, and convicted Fields on the only count with which he was charged. At sentencing, Fields faces a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 10 years and a maximum term of imprisonment of life. Forty-seven individuals have been charged in federal court with various narcotics offenses as a result of this investigation. Forty-six of those individuals have been convicted. The trial of the last remaining defendant is scheduled for April 2013. This matter was investigated by the FBI New Haven Safe Streets Task Force (composed 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 Robert M. Spector and Christopher M. Mattei.

On March 6, 2013, at approximately 11:30 p.m., members of the Patrol and Detective Divisions responded to 1350 Dixwell Avenue (Mugshotz) on the report of shots fired. A preliminary investigation revealed that a dispute ensued inside the establishment over an I-pad. During the scuffle a firearm was discharged and a bullet was fired into a chair. A white male and white female left in a green or dark colored hard top jeep. Detectives Michael DePalma and Brian Stewart are continuing with the investigation.

On March 5, 2013, members of the Street Interdiction Team and Patrol Division executed a search and seizure warrant at 32 Lynmoor Place in Hamden. Officers confiscated approximately 22 grams of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and \$486.00 in U.S. currency. As a result of the investigation and subsequent seizure, officers arrested resident Carlos Burgos. Burgos, 21, was charged with Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana with the Intent to Sell, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Operating a Drug Factory. He was detained at police headquarters on a \$25,000 bond. Burgos was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on March 20, 2013. This investigation was made possible by numerous concerned citizens sharing information over the course of several months. The teamwork and cooperation demonstrated led to a successful investigation which resulted in this arrest.



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On March 7, 2013, at approximately 3:25 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to 11 Dix Street on a reported argument between a mother and son. The complainant (Theodore Hawley) also stated that he wanted to turn himself in for an outstanding arrest warrant. Officers arrested him on the strength of the arrest warrant. While en route to police headquarters, Hawley began yelling obscenities and vulgarly degrading the transporting officer's family. He then began kicking the rear door in an attempt to escape. The officer was forced to stop the police vehicle in an attempt to calm Hawley. Hawley then kicked the officer. As the officer continued to transport Hawley to police headquarters, he spit in the officers face and head. Theodore Hawley, 40, of 11 Dix Street, Hamden, was charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Breach of Peace in the 2nd Degree, Assault on a Police Officer, Interfering with a Police Officer and 2 counts of Refusal to be Fingerprinted. Hawley, who was detained on a \$10,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on March 18, 2013. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that had occurred on February 21, 2013, at approximately 6:30 p.m., when members of the Patrol Division responded to 1054 Dixwell Avenue on the report of a burglary in progress. Investigation revealed that an individual, who was identified as Theodore Hawley, allegedly attempted to force entry into the apartment. Hawley claimed that the homeowner owed him money. Further investigation revealed that Hawley damaged an exterior door by kicking it, before he fled on foot, prior to the arrival of police. Officer Bryan Kelly of the Patrol Division subsequently submitted an arrest warrant application to the court for Hawley that was approved.

On March 13, 2013, David B. Fein, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that Carl Hailey, also known as "Squirt," 48, of New Haven, was sentenced by Senior United States District Judge Ellen Bree Burns in New Haven to 30 months of imprisonment, followed by five years of supervised release, for distributing heroin. Hailey is one of 108 individuals charged as a result of "Operation Bloodline," a joint law enforcement investigation targeting narcotics trafficking and gang violence in the Dwight-Kensington and Fair Haven sections of New Haven. Led by the DEA New Haven Task Force and the New Haven and Hamden Police Departments, the year-long investigation included the use of court-authorized wiretaps on numerous telephones, extensive physical surveillance, controlled purchases of narcotics, execution of search warrants and seizures of narcotics and firearms. The investigation revealed that Hailey conspired with others to purchase and redistribute heroin. Hailey was on state special parole at the time of this offense, and he has been detained in state custody since February 14, 2012, for violating his parole. His maximum release date from state custody is January 22, 2014. Judge Burns ordered Hailey to begin serving his 30-month federal sentence after his release from state custody. This matter is being investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration's New Haven Task Force, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the New Haven, Hamden, West Haven, North Haven, Branford, Ansonia and Meriden Police Departments. The United States Marshals Service, the Connecticut State Police, the Connecticut Department of Correction, Parole and Community Services and the Milford, Hartford, New Britain, North Branford and Stratford Police Departments have provided invaluable assistance to the investigation. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys S. Dave Vatti and Marc Silverman.

On March 13, 2013, at approximately 1:30 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to the Hamden Transfer Station, 231 Wintergreen Avenue, on the report of a man with a rifle. While responding to the scene, officers were informed that the individual's rifle had a scope attached. Investigation revealed that an employee at the transfer station observed an individual, described as a male, possible Asian descent, approximately 5' 6", thin build, wearing a black jacket, was standing on the north end of the property, holding the rifle.



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Several officers, with the assistance of Officer Craig Appleby and his K-9 partner "Hunter", conducted a comprehensive and thorough search through the wooded area. The search met with negative results. Furthermore, officers conducted a neighborhood canvass in an attempt to locate the individual. A large number of police officers from the New Haven Police Department, Southern Connecticut State University Police Department and Yale University Police Department assisted in setting up a perimeter around the area. During the course of the search, Wintergreen Avenue was closed to all pedestrian and vehicular traffic. In addition, several New Haven schools were placed on lockdown. The Hamden Transfer Station was closed for the remainder of the day. The Patrol Division is continuing with the investigation.

On March 20, 2013, during the early morning hours, members of the Street Interdiction Team, with the assistance of the Special Response Team, executed a search and seizure warrant at 370 Goodrich Street. The execution of the search warrant was the result of a lengthy investigation into the illicit sale of heroin. During the course of the search warrant, officers seized 13 grams of heroin. The heroin has a street value of approximately \$1,000.00. Aundrey Agnew, 51, of 370 Goodrich Street, Hamden, was arrested and charged with Possession of Narcotics and Possession of Narcotics with the Intent to Sell. In addition, Agnew was arrested on the strength of an arrest warrant. He was additionally charged with Sale of Narcotics. Agnew, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$35,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on April 3, 2013.

On March 20, 2013, David B. Fein, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that Derrick Brock, also known as "Easy," 26, of New Haven, was sentenced by Senior United States District Judge Warren W. Eginton in Bridgeport to 57 months of imprisonment, followed by three years of supervised release. On November 6, 2012, Brock pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine base ("crack cocaine"). According to court documents and statements made in court, this matter stems from an investigation conducted by the FBI New Haven Safe Streets Task Force, the New Haven Police Department and the Connecticut State Police into drug distribution and related violence allegedly being committed by members and associates of the Grape Street Crips in New Haven. During the investigation, Brock, who was identified as a member of the Grape Street Crips, was intercepted over a court-authorized wiretap discussing the acquisition and distribution of crack cocaine with co-defendants in New Haven and Rhode Island. Brock was ordered not to associate with any of his co-defendants during his term of supervised release. On April 9, 2012, a grand jury returned an indictment charging 18 individuals, including Brock, with narcotics distribution offenses stemming from this investigation. To date, nine of the defendants have pleaded guilty. The other nine defendants are detained while awaiting trial. With respect to the defendants awaiting trial, U.S. Attorney Fein stressed that an indictment is not evidence of guilt. Charges are only allegations, and each defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. This case was being investigated by the FBI's New Haven Safe Streets Task Force, which includes officers from the New Haven, Hamden and Milford Police Departments, and the State of Connecticut Department of Correction. The investigation was significantly assisted by the Connecticut State Police, the United States Marshals Service and the Westerly (R.I.) Police Department. 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 case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Anthony E. Kaplan and H. Gordon Hall.



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On March 19, 2013, Hamden Police arrested Denise Harvin on the strength of an active arrest warrant. Harvin, 51, of 257 Barnes Avenue, New Haven, was charged with Larceny in the 5th Degree and Forgery in the 3rd Degree. Harvin, who was detained on a \$25,000 bond, appeared in court on March 19, 2013. The arrest warrant was based on an incident on July 31, 2012, when Hamden Police met with a representative of the Christian Tabernacle Baptist Church, 425 Newhall Street, Hamden, regarding a fraud complaint. Investigation revealed that Denise Harvin allegedly stole several checks from a church employee. Further investigation revealed that 15 stolen checks were used to purchase items at area grocery and department stores. The total loss suffered by the Christian Tabernacle Baptist Church was \$2,008.54. Detective John Marks conducted the investigation.

On March 22, Timothy Walker turned himself in at police headquarters after being notified that there was an active warrant for his arrest. Walker, 18, of 108 Ingleside Drive, Hamden, was charged with Robbery in the 1st Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery in the 1st Degree and Larceny in the 6th Degree. Walker, who was detained on a \$150,000 court set bond, was transported directly to Meriden Superior Court. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that had occurred on January 31, 2013, when Hamden Police responded to the parking lot of 1245 Dixwell Avenue on the report of abduction at gunpoint, which had occurred a day earlier. Investigation revealed that a 20 year-old Hamden resident was conversing with an acquaintance, in the parking lot of 1245 Dixwell Avenue. The acquaintance allegedly asked the victim where he was going and offered to drive him there. Moments later, the victim entered the vehicle, which contained the acquaintance, and 2 other individuals. An individual, who was identified as Timothy Walker, who was seated in the backseat, then allegedly held a firearm to the victim's face and demanded his belongings. Upon approaching First Street, the victim was thrown from the vehicle. Detective Michael DePalma of the Major Crimes Unit conducted an investigation, which resulted in the issuance of an arrest warrant for Walker. Detective DePalma is continuing the investigation.

On March 24, 2013, at approximately 8:00 p.m., Officer Michael Nawrocki of the Patrol Division observed a stolen motor vehicle traveling southbound on Newhall Street. Hours earlier, he was advised by supervisory personnel, that the stolen vehicle was previously used in crimes committed in Hamden and another local community. Officer Nawrocki followed the vehicle, which was occupied by 2 individuals, through several streets in New Haven. Members of the New Haven Police Department assisted, at which time the driver of the stolen vehicle, entered the opposite lane, nearly striking a New Haven police cruiser. The stolen vehicle was driven to a dead end portion of County Street, where it struck a fence in a parking area and then the 2 occupants then fled on foot. Officer Nawrocki subsequently released his K-9 partner "Hank", who pursued one of the individuals, through the parking area and over a fence. "Hank" detained the individual, the 13 year-old driver, by grabbing hold of his buttocks. The second individual was not located. A 13 year-old New Haven resident was arrested and charged with Larceny in the 3rd Degree, Interfering with a Police Officer, Reckless Driving, Engaging an Officer in Pursuit and Operating without a License. The 13 year-old, who is scheduled to appear in Juvenile Court in New Haven, was released to the custody of his mother. The investigation is continuing.

On March 25, 2013, Hamden Police arrested Laurance Bardinelli, 25, of 1 Castlewood Drive in Monroe, on the strength of an arrest warrant. He was charged with Possession of Narcotics, Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence and No Insurance. Bardinelli was arraigned at Meriden Superior Court on March 25, 2013. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that occurred on February 13, 2013, at approximately 1:30 p.m., when members of the Patrol Division responded to the area of Dixwell Avenue and George Street on the report of a drug overdose.



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Upon arrival, officers learned that a motor vehicle accident had occurred. Investigation revealed that the operator of the "at-fault" vehicle was unconscious. Further investigation revealed that the operator, Laurance Bardinelli had used heroin, became unresponsive and then "rear-ended" another vehicle. Bardinelli was subsequently transported to Yale – New Haven Hospital. Officers searched Bardinelli's vehicle and located 7 wax folds of heroin that weighed 1.5 grams. Officer Matthew Barbuto submitted an arrest warrant application to the court for Bardinelli, which was subsequently approved by the court.

On March 25, 2013, Hamden Police arrested 2 additional individuals on the strength of active arrest warrants relating to the January 31, 2013, armed robbery that occurred in the parking lot of 1245 Dixwell Avenue. The arrest warrants were based on an incident that occurred on January 31, 2013, when an acquaintance of the victim offered him a ride and then robbed him at gunpoint when he was inside of the motor vehicle. Michael Esposito, 20, of 117 Pearl Avenue, Hamden, was charged with Robbery in the 1st Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery in the 1st Degree and Larceny in the 2nd Degree. Esposito, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$150,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on April 8, 2013. Edward Pantoja, 19, of 111 Bradley Avenue, Hamden, was charged with Robbery in the 1st Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery in the 1st Degree and Larceny in the 2nd Degree. Pantoja, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$150,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on April 8, 2013. Hamden Police had earlier arrested Timothy Walker on March 22, 2013.

On March 26, 2013, Detective Raymond Quinn, who is assigned to the United States Marshal Service Connecticut Violent Fugitive Task Force, arrested Arlette Jackson at her residence on the strength of an arrest warrant. Detective Quinn was assisted by other members of the task force. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that occurred on January 11, 2013, when members of the Patrol Division responded to Kohl's Department Store, 2380 Dixwell Avenue on the report of a robbery. Investigation revealed that a Kohl's Loss Prevention Officer observed a customer, who was later identified as Arlette Jackson, allegedly remove tags from several articles of clothing and then replace them with \$2.00 clearance tickets. The merchandise totaled nearly four hundred dollars. The Loss Prevention Officer attempted to detain Jackson, who subsequently entered her motor vehicle. Jackson then allegedly placed her vehicle in reverse and struck the Kohl's employee in the knee and thigh. Further investigation revealed that Jackson repeated this action, by again placing her vehicle in reverse and striking the employee a second time. Officer Robert O'Neill conducted an investigation, which led to the application of an arrest warrant that was subsequently approved by the court.

On March 26, 2013, at approximately 5:00 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to Kohl's Department Store, 2380 Dixwell Avenue, on the report of an unwanted person. Investigation revealed that 2 individuals, who were identified as Magailla Philpot and Cassandra Roberson, were suspected of committing a larceny from the store. They had entered a motor vehicle, prior to the arrival of police. Officer Gabriel Garcia subsequently conducted a motor vehicle stop on their vehicle, where officers recovered \$264.00 in stolen clothing. Philpot and Roberson were promptly arrested. Philpot was in the possession of 10 Dronabinol and 13 Marinol capsules, and Roberson was in the possession of 29 Cialis and 2 Viagra pills. Magailla Philpot, 47, of 71 Norfolk Street, West Haven, was charged with Larceny in the 6th Degree and Possession of a Controlled Substance. Philpot, who was detained on a \$1,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on April 10, 2013. In addition, Philpot was charged on the strength of 3 arrest warrants. She was additionally charged with Violation of Probation, Failure to Appear and Failure to Pay an Infraction.



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Cassandra Roberson, 41, 440 Valley Street, New Haven, was charged with Criminal Trespass in the 1st Degree and Possession of a Controlled Substance. Roberson, who was detained on a \$500 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on April 10, 2013.

On March 28, 2013, at approximately 1:00 a.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to the area of Arch Street and Fairview Avenue on the report of a street robbery. Investigation revealed that a 25 year-old East Haven resident was standing in the parking lot of Slice Pizza, when she was approached by an individual described as a black male, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt. The individual grabbed her purse, which led to a struggle. Moments later, the individual gained control of the purse and fled on foot. The purse contained several hundred dollars and credit cards. Officers searched the area with negative results. Officer Jennifer King conducted the initial investigation, and the incident has been forwarded to members of the Detective Division for further investigation.

On March 28, 2013, at approximately 6:45 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to Bobs Stores, 2300 Dixwell Avenue, on the report of a shoplifting with violence. Investigation revealed that store security observed Matt Wolosko "rip off tags" and then conceal merchandise under his clothing. According to store security, when Wolosko was confronted, he began to wrestle with a security officer. Upon the arrival of Hamden Police, Wolosko was arrested and transported to police headquarters. Wolosko, 35, was charged with Robbery in the 3rd Degree and Larceny in the 6th Degree. He was held on a \$10,000 bond and was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on April 11, 2013. In addition, officers learned that Wolosko was wanted on 4 additional arrest warrants, stemming from incidents in Old Saybrook, Madison and with the Connecticut State Police in Westbrook. He was subsequently arrested on the strength of these warrants. Officer Justin Martin conducted the investigation.

On March 30, 2013, at approximately 1:00 a.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to the area of Mountain Road on the report of a sexual assault. Local residents alerted police that a young female was "banging" on their door, screaming for help. Upon arrival, officers met with the 15 year-old victim, who stated that she was sexually assaulted, inside of a motor vehicle, by "a friend", Edwin Arpi, whom she had met on a social networking internet site. During the course of the assault, officers learned that Arpi strangled her and threatened to kill her. She attempted to contact police from inside of the vehicle; however, Arpi grabbed the cell phone from her. The victim eventually was able to escape from the vehicle, in search of help. A short time thereafter, officers located Arpi, who was sleeping inside of his vehicle. He was promptly arrested and transported to police headquarters. Edwin Arpi, 21, of 119 Corbin Road, Hamden, was charged with Sexual Assault in the 1st Degree, Unlawful Restraint in the 1st Degree, Risk of Injury to a Minor, Strangulation in the 3rd Degree and Interfering with an Emergency Call. Arpi, who was detained on a \$250,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on April 1, 2013. Detective Brian Stewart of the Major Crimes Unit is conducting the investigation.