



Hamden Police Department Monthly Report August 2010



Personnel matters and events

On August 3, 2010 members of the Hamden Police Department participated in the annual National Night Out event. America's National Night Out campaign is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for and participation in local anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. This year's event involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials.

On August 10, 2010 Officer Angela Moreno was transferred to the Bicycle Unit of the Uniform Services Division.

Our Emergency Services Unit (ESU) competed in the 2010 SWAT Challenge last week in Simsbury, CT from Tuesday through Thursday (August 24th – 26th). The three day competition includes events in pistol, rifle, sniper and the final event, a grueling physical training competition that involves all aspects of SWAT principles. This is the fourth year in a row that our team has competed in this event. We finished 20th overall out of 40 teams that competed. Teams are from Connecticut, neighboring states and California competed in this years events.

Incidents of Special Interest

On August 2, 2010 Officer Robert O'Neill of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle violation in the area of Dixwell Avenue and Alling Street. A motor vehicle stop was subsequently conducted on Dixwell Avenue and Pine Street. Investigation led to the search of the motor vehicle, which contained 4 occupants. With the assistance of Officer Michael Nawrocki and his police K-9 partner Hank, a backpack, containing nearly 96 grams of marijuana, 13 Ecstasy pills and \$1,914.00 was located. Three of the occupants were promptly arrested: Jason Goodwin, 19, of 169 Humphrey Street, New Haven. Terence Jones Jr., 20, of 40 Walnut Street, New Haven. Terrell Brunson, 21, of 137 High Top Circle, Hamden. They were all charged with Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana With the Intent to Sell, Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Narcotics With the Intent to Sell and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. All were detained at police headquarters on a \$10,000 bond. They are scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on August 16, 2010.

On August 3, 2010 at approximately 2:30 a.m. Hamden Police responded to a Burke Street residence on the report of a dispute. Upon arrival, officers learned that the resident was sleeping in her bedroom, at which time an individual, identified as her ex-boyfriend, Skyler Downing, forced entry into the residence by removing a box fan. The woman's son was able to fend off Downing for several minutes. Downing then fled on foot. Moments later, Officer Ronald Glifort of the Patrol Division arrested Downing, on Willis Street in New Haven. Skyler Downing, 31, of 141 Sheffield Ave., New Haven was charged with Home Invasion, Risk of Injury to a Child, Violation of a Protective Order and Disorderly Conduct. Downing, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$50,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on August 3, 2010.



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On August 5, 2010 at approximately 7:00 a.m. Hamden Police responded to the area of Dixwell Avenue and Morse Street on a report of a child all alone. Investigation revealed that the mother left the child in the care of a family member (cousin) before leaving the residence for work. Further investigation revealed that the child left the residence without the cousin's knowledge. At approximately 1045 am, Hamden Police received a phone call from the child's mother that her son was missing. Hamden Police arrested Carlos Berrocoales 36, of 44 Dudley Street Hamden, CT and he was charged with Risk of Injury to a minor and held on a \$5,000.00 bond with a court date of August 19, 2010.

On August 8, 2010 at approximately 1210 a.m. Hamden Police responded to the area of 40 First Street on a reported stabbing. Upon arrival, officers located the victim, a 16 year old Hamden resident. The victim was suffering from a slashing type wound to his neck, and laceration to his arm and upper back. The victim was transported to Yale New Haven Hospital. Investigation revealed that the victim was stabbed by a 16 year old, West Haven resident who was subsequently arrested and charged with Assault 1, and Carrying a Dangerous Weapon. The subject was then transported to juvenile detention.

On August 9, 2010 at approximately 2:21 p.m. Hamden Police received a complaint of a road rage incident that had occurred on Whitney Avenue near Day Spring Avenue. Investigation revealed that a white male, described to be in his early twenties with dirty blonde hair was driving his pick-up truck erratically and almost collided with the complainant's m/v. The subject allegedly, stopped his m/v abruptly in front of the complainant's m/v, exited his pickup truck and opened the complainant's car door and began swearing at him, calling him names, spat on the side of his face and slammed the door on the gentlemen's left leg/ankle area. The subject was later identified as Christopher Killeen 22, of 7 Woonsocket Avenue, Shelton, CT. Christopher Killeen was arrested and charged with 2 counts of Assault 3rd of an Elderly Person and 1 count of Breach of Peace. Killeen was released on a \$1000.00 surety bond with a court date of August 20, 2010.

On August 17, 2010 Darren Mills, 44, of 117 Pendelton Street, New Haven turned himself into police headquarters after being informed that there was an active arrest warrant. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that had occurred on June 28, 2010, when police responded to a Manila Avenue business on the report of a burglary. Nearly a thousand brass fittings were stolen in the burglary. Investigation revealed that Darren Mills, an employee at the business, allegedly committed the burglary. He was charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree and Larceny in the 2nd Degree. Mills, who was detained on a court ordered \$50,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on August 27, 2010. Detective Donald Remillard conducted the investigation.

On August 18, 2010 members of the Street Interdiction Team arrested Robert Ruggiero at his residence in Branford. Ruggiero was arrested on the strength of an arrest warrant. The arrest was the result of a lengthy investigation. Ruggiero, 33, of 470 Main Street, Branford, was charged with Carrying a Dangerous Weapon and Sale of a Facsimile Firearm. Ruggiero, who was detained on a \$25,000 court ordered bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 1, 2010.



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On August 21, 2010 at approximately 3:30 a.m. Hamden Police responded to the area of Dixwell Avenue and Goodrich Street on the report of a street robbery. Officers met with the victim, a 48 year-old New Haven resident, who is paralyzed. The victim advised officers that he was operating his motorized wheelchair on the sidewalk on Goodrich Street, at which time he was approached by an individual who demanded his belongings. The victim gave the individual his belongings, which included a watch. Moments later, Officer Gabe Garcia of the Patrol Division observed the responsible individual at a residence on Morse Street. Further investigation led to his arrest. Corey Gainey, 22, of 248 Shelton Avenue, New Haven was charged with Robbery in the 3rd Degree. Gainey, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$25,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 3, 2010.

On August 24, 2010 at approximately 4:30 a.m. Hamden Police responded to a Brook Street residence on the report of a burglary in progress. The 46 year-old female victim advised police that she was sleeping in her bedroom when she sensed someone was in the room. When she exited her bed, an individual fled, exiting through a window. The victim's 18 year old son was sleeping in the home. Investigation led officers to 139 Fairfax Street in West Haven, the home of Michael Carbonell. With the assistance of the West Haven Police Department, Hamden Police arrested Carbonell. Carbonell is an estranged friend of the 18 year-old son. Michael Carbonell, 19, of 139 Fairfax Street, West Haven was charged with Home Invasion and Burglary in the 1st Degree. Carbonell, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$100,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 7, 2010.

On August 24, 2010 at approximately 1:30 a.m. Officer Joseph Venditto of the Patrol Division observed an individual acting suspiciously, while riding his bicycle in the Newhallville section of town. Investigation led to the search of the individual, identified as Bobby McKnight. Officer Venditto located a loaded .25 caliber firearm in his waistband. He was subsequently arrested. Bobby McKnight, 23, of 102 Wayfarer Street, New Haven was charged with Carrying a Pistol Without a Permit. McKnight, who was detained on a \$10,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 8, 2010.

On August 24, 2010 at approximately 11:30 p.m. Hamden Police responded to an apartment located at 740 Mix Avenue on the report of a burglary. A description of the suspect was provided to officers. Moments later, Officer Tim Brown of the Patrol Division observed the individual, standing in the close proximity of the apartment. Investigation led to the arrest of the individual, identified as Anthony Randolph. Further investigation revealed that Randolph allegedly gained entry into the apartment through a bedroom window. The apartment was occupied and the tenant immediately notified police. While arresting Randolph, he resisted by kicking and shoving officers. In addition, Randolph was in possession of 4.6 grams of marijuana. Anthony Randolph, 23, of Butler Street, Hamden was charged with Burglary in the 2nd Degree, Assault on a Police Officer, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana With the Intent to Sell and Interfering With a Police Officer. Randolph, who was detained on a \$50,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 9, 2010.



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On August 24, 2010 at approximately 2:45 a.m. members of the Patrol Division were conducting a drug investigation in the area of southern Hamden. Investigation led to the stop of a motor vehicle. As Officer Tim Brown approached the vehicle, it fled onto Sherman Parkway in New Haven. Hamden Police utilized "Stop Sticks", which flattened 2 tires of the fleeing vehicle. The vehicle came to a stop on Dixwell Avenue. The passenger of the vehicle, identified as Clarence Austin, exited the vehicle and fled on foot. He allegedly threw a loaded firearm into the vehicle. The firearm was earlier reported stolen out of New Haven. Upon arresting Austin, officers found 13.7 grams of crack cocaine in his waistband. Hamden Police, K-9 handler Officer John Battick and his K-9 partner Cesare and several members of the New Haven Police Department conducted a track and located the operator of the vehicle, Jermaine Mitchell, who was hiding in a basement located on Hazel Street. A further search of the vehicle led to the discovery of an additional 2.4 grams of cocaine.

Clarence Austin, 30, of Shelton Avenue, New Haven was arrested and charged with Criminal Possession of a Firearm, Theft of a Firearm, Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Narcotics With the Intent to Sell and Interfering With a Police Officer. Austin, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$100,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 7, 2010. Jermaine Mitchell, 37, of Bridgeport was also arrested and charged with Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Narcotics With the Intent to Sell, Interfering With a Police Officer, Reckless Driving, Engaging in Pursuit and Evading Responsibility. Mitchell, who was detained on a \$100,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 7, 2010.

On August 27, 2010 at approximately 7:30 p.m. Officer Gregg Curran and Officer Ronald Glifort, of the Bicycle Unit observed a motor vehicle violation in the area of Goodrich Street. Upon attempting to stop the vehicle, it accelerated towards the 2 officers, nearly striking them. The operator then allegedly committed several additional motor vehicle violations. Officer Mark Katz subsequently attempted to stop the vehicle; however, it fled at a high rate of speed into New Haven. Moments later, Officer Tim McKeon observed the vehicle enter a parking lot in the area of 734 Dixwell Avenue. The operator of the vehicle, Barry Evans, was promptly arrested.

Investigation revealed that Evans was allegedly intoxicated. Furthermore, he was wanted on 2 arrest warrants, one originating from New Haven, the other from West Haven. Barry Evans, 47, of 325 Goodrich Street, Hamden was charged with Reckless Endangerment, Driving Under the Influence, Reckless Driving, Engaging an Officer in Pursuit, Operating Under Suspension and Interfering With a Police Officer. Evans, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$25,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 9, 2010. Evans was previously convicted of Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree With a Motor Vehicle.

On August 27, 2010 members of the Street Interdiction Team, in cooperation with the New Haven Police Department's Tactical Narcotics Unit, concluded a lengthy drug investigation. The investigation led to the seizure of 424 grams of marijuana. The marijuana has a street value of \$8,480.00. Hamden/New Haven Police arrested: Javon "Bosco" Williams, 30, of 195 County Road, New Haven. He was charged with Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Marijuana With the Intent to Sell. Williams, who was detained at Hamden Police Headquarters on a \$50,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 9, 2010.



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On August 31, 2010 members of the Street Interdiction Team concluded a lengthy drug investigation, which led to the seizure of marijuana and United States currency. The drugs were found in close proximity of 2 children who were inside of the residence, 1214 Dixwell Avenue, Apartment 2, Hamden. Jonathan Stewart, 29, of 1214 Dixwell Avenue, Apt. 2, Hamden was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana With the Intent to Sell, Risk of Injury to a Minor and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Stewart, who was detained on a \$50,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 14, 2010. Stewart was additionally charged with 5 arrest warrants, which originated from Hamden. The warrants charged him with Sale of Marijuana and Conspiracy to Commit the Sale of Marijuana. Also, arrested was Brenda Goodwin, 28, of 1214 Dixwell Avenue, Apt. 2, Hamden. She was charged with Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana With the Intent to Sell, Risk of Injury to a Minor and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Goodwin, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$30,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 14, 2010. Goodwin was additionally charged on the strength on 2 arrest warrants. The warrants charged her with Sale of Marijuana.