



Hamden Police Department

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Personal Matters

On July 9, 2010 Detective Stephen Rossacci was nominated and appointed as Co-Chairperson of the New Haven Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) Advisory Board. Detective Rossacci has been a key spokesperson representing the local law enforcement agencies for both the New Haven Multi Disciplinary Team (MDT) and the CAC Advisory Board. Detective Rossacci was appointed to this position due to his dedication, intelligence, forward thinking, and legal knowledge base in law enforcement.

Incidents of Special Interest

On July 1, 2010 at approximately 7:00 p.m. Hamden Police responded to the area of Connolly Parkway and the Farmington Canal Line on the report of an attempted assault. Investigation revealed that a 24 year-old New Haven resident was riding his bicycle on the canal line when he was approached by 2 individuals. The individuals allegedly attempted to push the victim off of his bicycle. He was then chased for a brief period of time. One of the individuals, who subsequently fled on foot, entered an enclosed patio in the Spring Glen section of town, to avoid detection. Hamden Police eventually arrested the 2 individuals in the rear yard of a Dixwell Avenue residence. A 16 year-old and 15 year-old, who are both New Haven residents, were both charged with Criminal Attempt to Commit Robbery in the 2nd Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery in the 2nd Degree and Interfering With a Police Officer. The 15 year-old was also charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree. They were both transported to Juvenile Detention in New Haven.

On July 2, 2010 at approximately 12:15 a.m. Hamden Police responded to the area of Elliot Drive on the report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers found John Belcher, 25, lying facedown and bleeding from a gunshot wound. Belcher was shot in the back. Hamden Fire Rescue rendered medical assistance. Belcher was transported to the Hospital of Saint Raphael. His medical condition is unknown at this time. Investigation revealed that Belcher was confronted by 3 individuals prior to the shooting. The incident is being investigated by the Investigated Services Division.

On July 5, 2010 at approximately 2:30 a.m. Officer Tim Brown of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle traveling the wrong way on Goodrich Street, a one-way street. As Officer Brown attempted to stop the vehicle, it fled into New Haven, onto Rte. 34 in West Haven, to Rte. 8, to I-95, until finally coming to a stop on Bird Street in Bridgeport. The operator of the vehicle was identified as Arnisha Joyner, 21, of Hamden. During the course of the pursuit, officers believed that one of the occupants of the vehicle was in the possession of a firearm. Investigation revealed that a loaded sawed-off shotgun was thrown from the vehicle during the pursuit. The Connecticut State Police subsequently located the sawed-off shotgun on Rte. 15, near exit 57. Further investigation revealed that 4 of the 5 occupants located inside of the vehicle were held against their will. Hamden Police arrested Kristopher Williams, 20, of 24 Lilac Street in New Haven. He was charged with Possession of a Sawed-Off Shotgun, Carrying a Loaded Weapon in a Motor Vehicle and 4 counts of Kidnapping. Williams, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$250,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on July 19th.



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On July 8, 2010 at approximately 12:30 a.m. Officer Joseph Venditto of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle proceed through a stop sign located on Dix Street. A motor vehicle stop was subsequently conducted. Investigation led to the search of the motor vehicle. Officers located nearly 6 grams of marijuana and a Crossman 357 - .177 caliber pellet pistol. The operator of the vehicle, identified as Jerrard Santiago, was promptly arrested. Jerrard Santiago, 29, of 819 Sherman Avenue, Apt. 208, New Haven was charged with Possession of a Weapon in a Motor Vehicle, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Marijuana With the Intent to Sell. Santiago, who was released on a written promise to appear, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on July 22nd.

On July 13, 2010 at approximately 6:15 p.m. Hamden Police responded to a Main Street address on the report of a missing 5 year-old girl. The missing girl's mother advised officers that her daughter went to a neighbor's residence, but never arrived. Hamden Police immediately began searching for the child. A Hamden Police K-9 Team assisted in the search. Moments later, Anthony Ricci, the girl's uncle, drove his vehicle in front of the residence. His 5 year-old niece was with him. Officers determined that he was intoxicated. Investigation revealed that Ricci picked up his niece before she arrived at her friends residence. He then allegedly drove her to a Hamden Package Store. He then allegedly allowed the 5 year-old to walk to another store to purchase candy. Anthony Ricci, 46, of 580 Main Street, Hamden was arrested and charged with Risk of Injury to a Minor, and Driving Under the Influence. Ricci, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$100,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on July 22nd.

On July 26, 2010 at approximately 4:00 a.m. Hamden Police responded to a service station, located at 1624 Dixwell Avenue, on the report of a burglar alarm. Upon arrival, officers found the front window damaged. Investigation revealed that an individual threw a rock through the window, entered the store and removed several items. Shortly thereafter, Sergeant Michael Sigmon of the Patrol Division observed the individual allegedly responsible for the burglary, traveling in a motor vehicle on Whalley Avenue in New Haven. A motor vehicle stop was subsequently conducted. Further investigation led to the arrests of the 2 occupants of the vehicle. John Chaski, 41, of 229 Branford Road, Apt. 216, North Branford was charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Larceny in the 4th Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 4th Degree and Criminal Mischief. Chaski, who was detained on a \$50,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on August 9th. Kimberly Smith, 29, of 129 George Street, East Haven was also arrested for the same criminal charges as Chaski. Smith, who was detained on a \$25,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on August 9th.

On July 29, 2010 at approximately 2:00 a.m. Officer William May of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle traveling on Arch Street without a front license plate. A motor vehicle stop was conducted on Fitch Street in New Haven. Investigation led to the search of the vehicle. Officers found a large kitchen knife, with a 6 inch blade, inside of the vehicle. The operator of the vehicle, Francois Tucker, was promptly arrested. Francois Tucker, 24, of 115 Miami Street, West Haven was charged with Weapons in a Motor Vehicle and Failure to Display a Front Plate. Tucker, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$25,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on August 12th. Tucker is currently on parole.