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Personnel Matters and Events

During the month of September, Captain John Lujick and Patrol Officer Angela Hall of the Community Liaison Unit, attended Block Watch meetings in the Cherry Ann Street and Goodrich Street neighborhoods. These meetings assist in creating an atmosphere of trust and cooperation with the citizens of Hamden and further advance our goals in community policing strategies. Topics of neighborhood safety and quality of life issues were discussed.

On September 11, 2011, Patrol Officers Angela Hall and Eric Goclowski attended a 9/11 event that was held at Temple Miskan Israel. During the ceremonies, the Officers were presented with a plaque for the Police Department for appreciation of our services.

Training - Sworn Personnel

During the month of September, department-wide training consisted of:

- Hate & Bias crimes review
- Telestaff scheduling software updates and procedure review
- Hazardous Materials review
- K-9 Team deployment coordination and juvenile

Training: In-Service

- Legal Update Training @ POST – Deputy Chiefs William Onofrio, John Cappiello, and Bo Kicak, Captains John Lujick, and Ronald Smith, and Sergeant Franklin Riehl
- Managing the incident, A Leadership guide to all Hazardous events, sponsored by the National Sheriffs Association @ Exeter, Rhode Island – Lieutenant Gabriel Lupo
- Budgeting for Law Enforcement Agencies instructed by staff from Penn State University @ Bloomfield Police Department – Sergeant Anthony Diaz
- Cognitive Interview class @ POST – Detective Brian Stewart and Officer Dennis Ryan
- Advanced Swat Hostage Rescue @ New Haven Police Department – Officers Robert Villano and Eric Hallstrom

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

Medical Terms review @ American Medical Response (AMR) facility in New Haven.



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Incidents of Special Interest

On September 2, 2011, at approximately 9:30 a.m., Patrol and Detective personnel responded to a Circular Avenue address on the report of a suspicious person. Upon arrival officers found Prudent Bute living at the residence. Bute decided to move into the home when the homeowner went to a nursing home facility. He was promptly arrested. Prudent Bute, 42, of Hamden was charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree. Bute, who was released on a Written Promise to Appear, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 8, 2011. In March of 2010, Bute was arrested for living in this same residence and was charged with Burglary and Larceny at that time.

On September 2, 2011, at approximately 12:00 p.m., a report of a missing 16 year-old from the Children's Center was investigated. The Children's Center staff was searching for the juvenile, in part because of her suicidal tendencies, specifically with drowning. A short time thereafter, Hamden Police received information that the juvenile was located in the area of the Farmington Canal Trail, near Mather Street. A further report indicated that a civilian, Michael Patrick (48), was restraining the youth from entering Lake Whitney. Patrick was jogging on the trail. Moments later, Officer Jay Bunnell of the Patrol Division arrived. He immediately proceeded down a steep ravine that leads to a 9-foot barbed-wire fence. There he observed Patrick physically struggling with the youth, preventing her from entering the water. Officer Bunnell subsequently scaled the fence. When he was approximately 5 feet from them, Officer Bunnell became submerged up to his chest, in thick mud and water. He could not move his legs. Furthermore, his police radio was submerged in water and unusable. Officer Bunnell was able to grab onto a low hanging vine and pull himself to safety. He then continued towards the youth and then became submerged a second time, this time being assisted by Patrick, who pulled him from the mucky waters. He then continued towards the youth a third time, with Patrick in close proximity. Upon reaching the 16 year-old, they began pulling her towards shore when they all became submerged in the water, which rose to Officer Bunnell's neck. Patrick was able to carry the 16 year-old to shore. Officer Bunnell was able to free himself with the aid of low-lying branches. The 16 year-old was transported to the Hospital of Saint Raphael for medical assistance. The selfless acts of Officer Bunnell and Michael Patrick were instrumental in saving the juvenile's life.

On September 7, 2011, at approximately 10:30 p.m., Patrol personnel responded to the area of Dixwell Avenue and Lee Street on the report of road rage incident. Moments later, Officer Scott Jason of the Patrol Division observed an individual who was operating a Honda, "cut off" another vehicle. As Officer Jason attempted to stop the Honda, the operator fled towards Mather Street. The operator of the vehicle, who was later identified as Curtis Easley, subsequently lost control of the vehicle in the area of Mather Street and Waite Street. 3 occupants of the vehicle subsequently fled on foot. A short time later, officers located the 3 occupants, 2 of whom were hiding in wooded areas on Mather and Waite Streets. They were all arrested.



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Investigation revealed that Easley allegedly “cut off” the complainant at least 3 times. After the third time, he allegedly exited the vehicle and began screaming at the 41 year-old, female operator. Curtis Easley, 21, of 142 Hobart Street, New Haven, was charged with Interfering with a Police Officer, Breach of Peace, Engaging an Officer in Pursuit, Operating without a License, Misuse of Plates and No Insurance. Easley, who was detained on a \$1,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 21, 2011. Joshua Young, 20, of 55 Collins Street, Hamden, was charged with Interfering with a Police Officer. Young, who was detained on a \$1,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on September 21, 2011. A 17 year-old New Haven resident was charged with Interfering with a Police Officer. He was detained on a \$1,000 bond and was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on September 20, 2011.

On September 8, 2011, at approximately 5:00 p.m., Patrol personnel responded to the area of Ridge Road and Waite Street on the report of a threatening with a handgun complaint. Investigation revealed that a motor vehicle, which was occupied by a Hamden couple and an infant, was being followed aggressively by another vehicle in the area of Ridge Road. The operator of the pursuing vehicle, Anja Celikovic, allegedly advised the Hamden couple to “pull over” because she was a “cop.” The Hamden couple subsequently stopped their vehicle. As Celikovic was yelling at the couple, a passenger in her vehicle, Jorge Tirado, exited the vehicle. Tirado was allegedly in the possession of a firearm and was holding it on his side. The Hamden couple then contacted Hamden Police Department. Officers seized a .40 caliber Glock firearm from Tirado. Furthermore, Officers seized 2 badges that were in Celikovic’s possession. The badges were Naugatuck and New Canaan Animal Control badges. Both parties were arrested. Anja Celikovic, 28, of 69 Farren Avenue, Apt. 6, New Haven, was charged with Impersonating a Police Officer and Breach of Peace in the 2nd Degree. Celikovic, who was released after posting a \$1,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 22, 2011. Jorge Tirado, 22, of 214 West Street, New Haven, was charged with Breach of Peace in the 2nd Degree. Tirado, who was released after posting a \$1,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 22, 2011. Officer Tim McKeon of the Patrol Division conducted the investigation.

On September 8, 2011, at approximately 11:45 p.m., Officers Shawn Natcher and Robert Manfield of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle traveling on Dixwell Avenue with dark tinted windows and no front license plate. A motor vehicle stop was subsequently conducted. Investigation led to the search of a rear passenger, Ronnie Cox. Cox was in the possession of 19 bags of crack cocaine and a bag of marijuana. He was immediately arrested. Ronnie Cox, 28, of 202 Ivy Street in New Haven, was charged with Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Narcotics with the Intent to Sell and Possession of Marijuana. Cox, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$25,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on September 20, 2011. The operator of the vehicle, Kenneth Wilson, 36, was issued an infraction for Dark Tinted Windows and No Front License Plate.



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On September 9, 2011, at approximately 11:45 p.m., Officer Tim Brown of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Evergreen Avenue. A motor vehicle stop was subsequently conducted on Hamden Hills Drive. Investigation led to the search of the operator of the vehicle, Alison Barno. He was in the possession of 9 bags of crack cocaine and \$1,503.00 in cash. The crack cocaine weighed 19.7 grams. Barno continually fought with officers during the incident and one officer was elbowed in the head. Alison Barno, 41, of 121 Thompson Avenue in East Haven, was arrested and charged with Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Narcotics With the Intent to Sell, Assault on a Police Officer, Interfering With a Police Officer and Traveling Unreasonably Fast. Barno, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$500,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on September 23, 2011.

On September 11, 2011, at approximately 3:15 p.m., Patrol personnel responded to a Gorham Avenue residence on the report of an attempted burglary. Officers were further advised that several individuals were throwing rocks at the residence. Upon arrival, Officer Michael Nawrocki of the Patrol Division arrested 2 of the individuals. The third individual, who was later identified as Joseph Duarte, fled on foot through the backyard. Duarte was later arrested at a Circular Avenue residence. Investigation revealed that Duarte allegedly attempted to gain entry into the house by kicking down the door. Further investigation revealed a basement window had been damaged. Joseph Duarte, 19, of 128 Circular Avenue, Hamden, was charged with Criminal Attempt to Commit Burglary in the 2nd Degree, Interfering With a Police Officer, Breach of Peace and Criminal Mischief in the 2nd Degree. Duarte, who was detained on a \$10,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on September 23, 2011. Camryn Pullen, 21, of 128 Circular Avenue and William Klein, 20, of 4 Bradford Drive, Cheshire, were both charged with Breach of Peace in the 2nd Degree. They were released on a Written Promise to Appear with a court date of September 23, 2011.

On September 14, 2011, at approximately 10:45 a.m., Patrol and Traffic personnel responded to the area of Skiff Street Extension on the report of a motor vehicle accident with injuries. Investigation revealed that Marcia Steele, 87, of Hamden, was traveling westbound on Skiff Street Extension when she lost control of her vehicle and struck a tree. Steele, who was seriously injured in the accident, was trapped inside of her vehicle. Hamden Fire Department personnel responded and used the Hurst Tool equipment to free her from the vehicle. She was transported to Yale – New Haven Hospital. The accident occurred in close proximity to Shepard Glen School. Officer Stephen DeGrand of the Traffic Division is conducting the investigation.



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On September 14, 2011, Frederick Cohen was arrested on the strength of an active arrest warrant. Cohen had turned himself in at Hamden Police Headquarters. Frederick Cohen, 40, of 41 Collins Street, Hamden, was charged with Robbery in the 1st Degree, Assault in the 2nd Degree and Assault in the 2nd Degree on an Elderly Victim. Cohen, who was detained on a \$250,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on September 28, 2011. The arrest warrant resulted from an incident that occurred on July 30, 2011, at approximately 7:00 p.m. when Hamden Police responded to DJ's Liquor Store, 16 Fairview Avenue, on the report of a robbery and aggravated assault. Investigation had revealed that a 53 year-old Hamden resident was shopping inside of the store when he observed another patron concealing several bottles of alcoholic beverages. As the resident advised the staff of the potential larceny, the patron struck him over the head with a bottle and fled. The Hamden resident, who briefly lost consciousness, was transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital. He suffered a head injury and a broken tooth. After a lengthy investigation by Officer William Onofrio of the Patrol Division, an arrest warrant affidavit was applied for and granted for the arrest of Frederick Cohen.

On September 18, 2011, at approximately 4:00 a.m., Patrol personnel responded to the Country Farm Market and Deli, 2215 State Street, on the report of a forcible burglary. Investigation revealed that the front window was shattered and that several cartons of cigarettes were taken. Moments later, Officer Gregg Curran of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle that fit the description of a vehicle that fled from the scene. Upon attempting to stop the vehicle, the operator engaged Officer Curran in pursuit. The vehicle was eventually stopped on the Route 40 Connector. Further investigation led to the arrests of the operator of the vehicle, Adam Rowe, and his passenger, Donald Sydnor. Several items stolen in the burglary were located inside of the vehicle. Adam Rowe, 41, of 476 Middletown Avenue, North Haven, was charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Mischief in the 1st Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Criminal Mischief in the 1st Degree, Larceny in the 5th Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 5th Degree, Engaging an Officer in Pursuit and Reckless Driving. Rowe, who was detained on a \$100,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on September 29, 2011. Donald Sydnor, 42, of 141 Cherry Ann Street, Apt. 9, in Hamden, was charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Mischief in the 1st Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Criminal Mischief in the 1st Degree, Larceny in the 5th Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 5th Degree. Sydnor, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$50,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on September 29, 2011.



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On September 18, 2011, at approximately 9:30 p.m., Patrol personnel responded to DKB Airbrushing, 2979 State Street, on the report of a larceny of a motor vehicle. Investigation revealed that the owner of the business observed an individual; later identified as Felix Vazquez, attempt to steal his motor vehicle. As he approached Vazquez, who was seated inside of the vehicle, he (Vazquez) put the vehicle in reverse and struck 3 other parked vehicles. Vazquez then allegedly attempted to run over the business owner. Vazquez subsequently struck a tree a short distance away. The business owner apprehended Vazquez after a short foot pursuit. Vazquez was then brought back to the office and held at gunpoint, awaiting the arrival of Hamden Police. Felix Vazquez, 19, of 118 Weybossett Street, New Haven, was arrested and charged with Larceny in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Attempt to Commit Assault in the 2nd Degree With a Motor Vehicle, Criminal Mischief in the 1st Degree, Possession of Burglar Tools, Reckless Driving, Evading Responsibility and Operating Without a License. Vazquez, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$50,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on October 3, 2011.

On September 18, 2011, Officer William May of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle violation on Goodrich Street. Officer May attempted to conduct a motor vehicle stop, at which time the vehicle fled northbound onto Dixwell Avenue. The vehicle was eventually stopped in the parking lot of an Arch Street Service Station. Investigation led to the search of the operator of the vehicle, Tommy Battle. Officers found 64 bags of heroin and \$350.00 in his possession. He was promptly arrested. Tommy Battle, 31, of an unknown address was charged with Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Narcotics With the Intent to Sell, Interfering With a Police Officer, Engaging an Officer in Pursuit, Operating Under Suspension and a Turn Signal Violation. Battle, who was detained on a \$250,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on October 3, 2011.

On September 18, 2011, at approximately 3:00 a.m., extra-duty personnel responded to Quinnipiac University on the report of an assault that occurred on campus. Investigation revealed that a Quinnipiac University student was attempting to break up a fight, when another student struck him in the face. The student, who allegedly struck him was identified as Quinnipiac University student Ike Azotam. The student who was assaulted was treated for his injuries at the University's medical center. Further investigation revealed that a second Quinnipiac University student attempted to break up the fight, when he too was struck in the face several times. He suffered minor facial injuries. Police learned that Quinnipiac University student James Johnson was responsible for the alleged assault. Ike Azotam, 20, of 465 Columbus Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts, was arrested and charged with Assault in the 3rd Degree and Breach of Peace in the 2nd Degree. Azotam, who was released after posting a \$5,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on September 26, 2011. James Johnson, 21, of 13166 228th Street, Laurelton, New York, was also arrested and charged with Assault in the 3rd Degree and Breach of Peace in the 2nd Degree. Johnson, who was released after posting a \$5,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on September 26, 2011.



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On September 19, 2011, at approximately 2:00 p.m., Officer Bryan Kelly of the Patrol Division was dispatched to 355 Goodrich Street on a suspicious person complaint. Investigation had revealed that the suspicious person was found to be deceased inside of the apartment. The Crime Scene Unit had positively identified the victim of an apparent shooting as Darick M. Cooper, 27, of last known address 217 Ashmun Street in New Haven. Cooper was identified through fingerprint identification. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner conducted an autopsy on September 20, 2011 and classified the manner of death as homicide and the cause of death from a gunshot wound. The Detective Division is continuing the investigation with the assistance of the New Haven State's Attorneys Office. In addition, the department is receiving assistance from both the New Haven Police Department and several federal agencies.

On September 19, 2011, at approximately 8:00 p.m., Patrol personnel responded to an assault with a knife complaint at 75 North Street. The 20 year-old victim advised officers that his mother's boyfriend, Paul Ferraro, had attempted to slash his face with a knife. The victim, who was bleeding profusely, was subsequently cut in the forearm. He was treated by the Hamden Fire Department and transported to the Hospital of Saint Raphael. Officers found Ferraro, who resides at 75 North Street, locked in a bedroom. He was arrested after continuously struggling with officers and resisting arrest. Paul Ferraro, 48, of 75 North Street, Hamden, was charged with Assault in the 2nd, Reckless Endangerment in the 2nd Degree, Disorderly Conduct, Interfering With an Officer and Refusal to be Fingerprinted. Ferraro was detained at police headquarters on a \$75,000 bond. Officers Mark Sheppard, Tim McKeon and Eric Gocłowski of the Patrol Division conducted the investigation.

On September 20, 2011, members of the Detective Division, Street Interdiction Team, and Patrol Division were actively continuing the investigation of a homicide that occurred on September 19, 2011 at 355 Goodrich Street. The investigation led Officers to respond to a New Haven address where 3 males were observed walking out of the residence. Upon observing the officers, 2 of the males ran back inside of the residence, while the other ran away from the residence. Officers entered the residence and apprehended both suspects inside and the third person was apprehended a short distance away from the residence. Officers located 2 loaded .45 caliber automatic handguns under a mattress that one of the suspects attempted to gain access before being apprehended. The third person that was apprehended outside of the residence was found to be in possession of crack cocaine. All three parties were placed under arrest. Robert Short, 25, of 79 Chambers Street, New Haven, was charged with Interfering with Police and 2 counts of criminal possession of a weapon, and was held on a \$500,000.00 dollar bond with a court date of October 4, 2011. Marquis Moore, 25, of 373 Winthrop Avenue, New Haven, was charged with Interfering with Police and held on a \$10,000.00 dollar bond with a court date of October 4, 2011. Eric Richardson, 26, of 172 Howard Avenue, New Haven, was charged with Interfering with Police, Sale of Illegal Drug, Possession of narcotics and possession of drugs near a Prohibited Place and held on a \$100,000.00 bond with a court date of October 4, 2011.



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On September 23, 2011, Officer Joseph Venditto of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Whitney Avenue. A motor vehicle stop was conducted on Whitney Avenue at Todd Street. Investigation led to the search of the vehicle, where Officers located 2 bags of marijuana, a bag of cocaine and 5 Ecstasy pills. The operator of the vehicle, Michael Janeiro was arrested. Michael Janeiro, 25, of 50 Nettleton Avenue in Naugatuck was charged with Possession of a Hallucinogen (2 counts), Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Marijuana and Traveling Unreasonably Fast. Janeiro, who was released after posting a \$5,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on October 11, 2011.

On September 24, 2011, at approximately 12:30 p.m., Hamden Police responded to TD Bank, 2992 Dixwell Avenue, on the report of a suspicious person. The caller stated that an individual was inside of the bank and that he had a large knife strapped to his side. The individual subsequently left the bank prior to the arrival of police. Moments later, Officer Bryan Kelly observed the individual, identified as Brian Richetelli, inside of Webster Bank, located on Old Dixwell Avenue. Richetelli attempted to flee upon observing Officer Kelly. Once detained, officers found a .22 caliber revolver in his possession. Further investigation led to the search of Richetelli's motor vehicle. Officers located another firearm, described as a .44 caliber, a large knife and a gas mask. Brian Richetelli, 26, of 15 Stanford Lane, North Haven, was arrested and charged with Criminal Possession of a Firearm (2 counts) and Breach of Peace in the 2nd Degree. Richetelli, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$50,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on October 7, 2011.

On September 26, 2011, at approximately 12:00 a.m., Officer William May of the Patrol Division conducted a motor vehicle stop in the area of Arch Street and Fitch Street. The vehicle, which was being operated without insurance, had defective equipment. Investigation led to the search of the vehicle, where Officers located a fully loaded .38 caliber firearm on the passenger side floorboard. The passenger, Vonnie Jones, was subsequently arrested. Vonnie Jones, 33, of 1134 Quinnipiac Avenue, New Haven, was charged with Criminal Possession of a Firearm, Carrying a Pistol without a Permit and Weapons in a Motor Vehicle. Jones, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$50,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on October 10, 2011. While processing "Vonnice Jones" Hamden Police learned through fingerprint analysis that his real name is Ronnie Ellis. Furthermore, that Ronnie Ellis is a "Fugitive Parole Absconder" and that he was wanted by the Waterbury Parole Office. Ellis was additionally charged with Criminal Impersonation, Interfering with a Police Officer and Forgery in the 3rd Degree. He was held on an additional \$50,000 bond. Quatisha Smith, 32, of 766 Winchester Avenue, New Haven, was charged with Operating without Insurance and Window Tint without a Sticker. Smith was given a Misdemeanor summons and released at the scene.



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On September 25, 2011, at approximately 2:15 a.m., Officer William May of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed, without headlights. The vehicle, which was on Goodrich Street, was also traveling the wrong way on a one-way street. Officer May followed the vehicle to Beechwood Lane, which is a dead-end street. The fleeing vehicle subsequently turned around and accelerated at a high rate of speed, allegedly attempting to strike the police vehicle. The officer conducted an evasive maneuver, driving on a residential lawn. The fleeing vehicle continued driving at a high rate of speed, without headlights, into New Haven. The vehicle subsequently crashed into a front porch on Winchester Avenue in New Haven. The operator of the vehicle, identified as Michael Groom, attempted to exit, while flames were observed underneath the vehicle. Officer May pulled Groom to safety and then placed him under arrest. Michael Groom, 33, of 57 Longmeadow Avenue, Hamden, was charged with Attempted Assault on a Police Officer, Reckless Endangerment in the 2nd Degree, Interfering with a Police Officer, Reckless Driving, Engaging in Pursuit and Operating the Wrong Way on a One-Way Street. Groom, who is on parole, was remanded to custody. His scheduled court date is October 7, 2011, in Meriden.

On September 27, 2011, at approximately 10:00 p.m., Officer Michael Nawrocki of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle traveling on Pine Rock Avenue with no license plate. Upon attempting to conduct a motor vehicle stop, the vehicle fled northbound. The vehicle fled onto Oberlin Road, where Officer Robert O'Neill was investigating an assault complaint. Officer O'Neill, who was interviewing a group of 5 individuals, observed the vehicle driving directly towards the group. The individuals attempted to scramble to safety. A 24 year-old Hamden resident was subsequently struck in the right hip by the fleeing vehicle. His injury status is unavailable at this time, but believe to be non-life threatening. The fleeing vehicle continued onto Wintergreen Avenue. As another police vehicle attempted to intervene, the operator of the vehicle, crossed lanes and drove directly towards the officers vehicle, forcing him off the roadway. The vehicle then drove onto Lane Street, where again the operator forced another police vehicle off the roadway. While on Lane Street, the fleeing vehicle appeared to lose control, at which time 2 Hamden Police vehicles made contact with it. Officer Nawrocki, and his K-9 partner "Hank" approached the vehicle, which was occupied by 3 subjects. As the operator, Laquane Hester, was pulled from the vehicle, officers located a fully loaded .380 caliber handgun underneath him. Officer O'Neill and Sheppard arrested the 2 passengers, who were identified as Richard Jackson Jr. and William Hunter. Further investigation revealed that the vehicle, in which Hester, Jackson and Hunter were traveling in, was reported stolen in a car-jacking incident that occurred earlier in the night in Bridgeport. The Bridgeport Police Department was advised and are continuing their investigation. Laquan Hester, 22, of 455 Bird Street, Bridgeport, was charged with Possession of a Firearm By a Convicted Felon, Carrying a Pistol Without a Permit, Weapons in a Motor Vehicle, Assault in the 2nd Degree With a Motor Vehicle, Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree, Larceny in the 4th Degree, Interfering With a Police Officer, Engaging an Officer in Pursuit (3 counts) and Reckless Driving.



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Hester, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$250,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on October 11, 2011. William Hunter, 23, of 275 Maple Street, Bridgeport, was charged with Larceny in the 4th Degree and Interfering with a Police Officer. Hunter, who was detained on a \$100,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on October 11, 2011. Richard Jackson Jr., 21, of 385 Ridgefield Avenue, Bridgeport, was charged with Larceny in the 4th Degree and Interfering with a Police Officer. Jackson, who was detained on a \$100,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on October 11, 2011.