



HAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT JULY 2024



HAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT JULY 2024



Personnel Matters and Events

On July 15, 2024 four new recruits were sworn in as probationary Police Officers. Brianna Craft, Brandon Smith, Asya Brandon, and Travis Hargrove will begin training at the New Haven Police Academy on August 1, 2024.

Sgt. May and his K-9 partner "Flip" completed the Hamden Police Department's K-9 Training Program. On 7/30/24 Sgt. May and K-9 "Flip" successfully passed certification through National Police Canine Association and are now certified as a Patrol Dog Team/ Narcotics Detection Team. Effective immediately they are available for K-9 deployments.



Sgt. May and K9 Flip at a community event.



HAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT JULY 2024



Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

The Community Liaison Unit was involved in the following community outreach events:

July 6, 2024

The Hamden Police Department conducted the monthly child/infant car seat checks and installation which is held on the 1st Saturday of each month from 9-12 am. Car seat installations take place on the upper level of the parking garage at 2900 Dixwell Avenue.

July 9, 23, and 30, 2024

The Hamden Police Department School Resource Officers, Christian Kaplan and Vin DeStefanis, who are assigned to the bicycle unit/community police division for the summer months, participated in the Hamden Youth Services Bureau, Party in the Park Events held at Peter Villano Park.

July 9, 2024

Deputy Chief Samperi and Sergeant Scott Jason met with the Hamden Plains Neighborhood Block Watch regarding Chester St./Noble St./ Blue Hills Rd. problems, Hamden Plains Park issues, and lighting/traffic concerns in the area. The meeting was held in the Hamden Plains Park and was well attended by much of the community.

July 14-20, 2024

The Hamden Police Department sponsored the Post 290 Police Cadet's to attend the annual Police Cadet Academy held at Westfield State University, MA. That several members of our cadet program successfully completed the academy and were presented

with several awards for their outstanding commitment, dedication, and performance throughout the week.

July 15-19, 2024

The Hamden Police Department in collaboration with the Hamden Fire Department, Quinnipiac University, AMR, Hartford Health Care, QU Public Safety, and QU EMS offered a free one week educational program focused on public safety. The Public Safety Course was designed for 9th -12th grade Hamden students who are interested in exploring careers in law enforcement, fire services, and emergency medical services. The Public Safety course was held at QU main campus.

July 19, 26, 2024

Members of the Hamden Police Department conducted a public safety/ traffic detail regarding the Hamden Town Center Park Summer Concert Series presented by the Town Of Hamden.



HAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT JULY 2024



July 24, 2024

The Hamden Police Department Community Division conducted a tour of the Hamden Police Department for the Hamden Transition Academy.



Hamden Officers and students at the Public Safety course hosted at Quinnipiac University.



HAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT JULY 2024



Traffic Calming

Members of the Traffic Division deployed the Speed Compliance Units on Ridge Road and Haverford Street, Ridge Road and Pickwick Road, West Todd and Joyce Road, Mather Street and Dixwell Avenue, Leeder Hill Drive (north/southbound), Skiff Street and Howard Drive, Mather Street and Servoss Street, Sherman Avenue and Hamden Hills Drive, Four Rod Road and Earl Avenue, Brook St., Wintergreen Avenue, Mix Ave., Dessa Dr., and Worth Ave.

Training - Sworn Personnel

During the month of July, there was no department wide training.

Training – In Service

Class: Records Retention and Management

Date(s): July 11th

Attendees: Tracey Matthews and Wendy Sherman

Location: Hamden Police Department (Online Training)

Class: Sirchie 5 Day CSI and Forensics Course

Date(s): July 22nd – July 26th

Attendees: Detective Rachel Zinni

Location: Waterford Police Department

Class: Peer Support Class

Date(s): July 24th – July 26th

Attendees: Lieutenant Nathan Youngberg and Jessica Rizzo

Location: Southern Connecticut State University



HAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT JULY 2024



Class: Surround / Callout and Scenario Based Training

Date(s): July 26th

Attendees: Hamden SWAT Team Members

Location: High Meadows School

Class: Basic Firearms Instructor Pre-Test

Date(s): July 26th

Attendees: Sergeant Kyle Sampognaro and Officer Joseph Mortali

Location: Connecticut Police Academy (POSTC)

Training: Emergency Services Unit

Class: Hamden Police Department 2 Week Basic SWAT School

Date(s): July 15th – 26th

Attendees: Hamden and Milford SWAT Team Members

Location: Various Training Locations



HAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT JULY 2024



Class: Less Lethal Recertification Training
Date(s): July 19th
Attendees: Hamden SWAT Team Members
Location: Milford Police Department Shooting Range



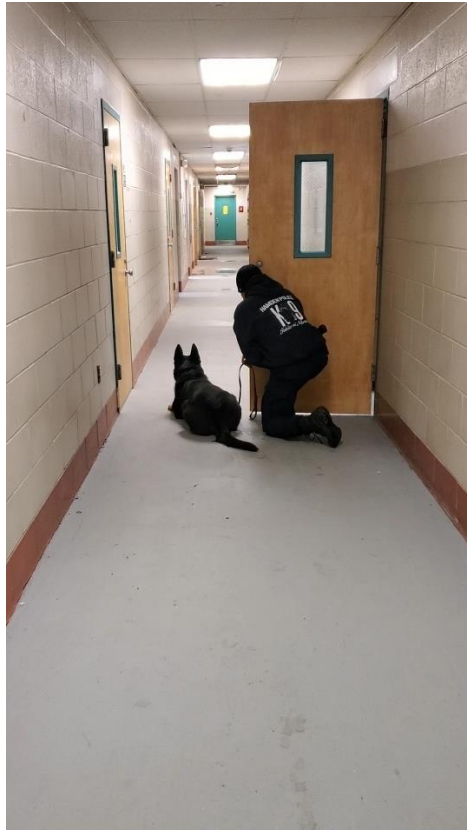
HAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT JULY 2024



Training – K-9

K-9 Units participated in monthly training throughout areas in town. The training curriculum included:

- Low light building searches
- Narcotics detection; vehicles & buildings
- Aggression Control
- Obedience
- Evidence / Article recovery
- Urban/Residential Tracking
- Suspect apprehensions across river
- Muzzle training





HAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT JULY 2024



Training – Dispatchers

There was no training for Dispatchers scheduled during the month of July.





HAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT JULY 2024



Incidents of Special Interest

On 07/14/2024 at 1:28am. Hamden Police responded to Dolan & Luzzi (1337 Dixwell Ave.) due to a shots fired complaint. A crime scene was formed and several spent cartridge casings were located. A short time later, a male victim from Brooklyn, NY arrived at St. Raphael suffering from a gunshot wound to his left hip and was later transported to Yale New Haven Hospital (YNHH). The victim stated that he was sitting on the patio area at the front of Charlie and James Place (1350 Dixwell Ave.) when he heard a gunshot. The victim said he stood up and felt the impact of a projectile to his left hip. The victim's injury was not life-threatening.

On 07/17/2024 at 6:08am, Officers McLaughlin and Bonds responded to the area of Franklin/Quaker Rd on the report of two males stealing from area vehicles. Upon arrival in the area, a juvenile from New Haven was immediately stopped and detained. The other suspect; Kevin Joyner 1/30/2006 of 50 Dayton St, New Haven fled from Officers on foot. During a search of the area, Ofc McLaughlin located Joyner hiding in the rear yard of a Fenway St residence. Joyner began throwing items into an adjacent yard before he was taken into custody. It was determined both subjects were stealing from local vehicles. Joyner was also found to be in possession of a Taser and burglary tools. The juvenile was issued a juvenile summons and returned to his residence. Joyner was held on bond on larceny, burglary, and weapons charges. Ofc McLaughlin conducted the initial investigation.

On 7/24/24 at approximately 09:07am there was a larceny/purse snatching in the Stop and Shop parking lot (2335 Dixwell Ave). The 78 year old victim was walking with her wallet under her arm when an unidentified male wearing a mask ran up from behind and took her wallet from under her arm. The wallet contained \$500 in cash. The unidentified subject then got back into the passenger side of a white Acura SUV bearing CT Reg AP79425 and fled. The vehicle is stolen out of Milford. At approximately 1000am, a similar incident with the same vehicle occurred at Target in North Haven. The investigation is being conducted by the Major Crimes unit and is ongoing.



HAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT JULY 2024



Incidents of Special Interest (continued)

U.S. Department of Justice

*United States Attorney
District of Connecticut*

www.justice.gov/ct

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 2, 2024**

CONTACT:

Tom Carson
Public Affairs Officer
(203) 821-3722
(203) 996-1393 (cell)

New Haven Gang Member Admits Role in Murder

QUAYMAR SUGGS, 20, of New Haven, pleaded guilty yesterday before U.S. District Judge Victor A. Bolden in New Haven to a racketeering offense related to his participation in a violent New Haven street gang and the murder of an associate of a rival gang in May 2021.

Today's announcement was made by Vanessa Roberts Avery, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut; John P. Doyle, Jr., State's Attorney for the New Haven Judicial District; James Ferguson, Special Agent in Charge, ATF Boston Field Division; Robert Fuller, Special Agent in Charge of the New Haven Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Stephen Belleau, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration for New England; and New Haven Police Chief Karl Jacobson.

According to court documents and statements made in court, in an effort to address violence in New Haven, the ATF, FBI, DEA and New Haven Police Department, working closely with the U.S. Attorney's Office and New Haven State's Attorney's Office, have been investigating a gang war between members and associates of the Exit 8 street gang and rival gangs in the Hill section and other areas of the city. The Exit 8 gang is named after the geographic area accessed by exiting Interstate 91 at Exit 8 in New Haven. Recently, younger members of Exit 8 are identifying themselves with the word "Honcho," which is derived from the street name of an Exit 8 member who was murdered on Quinnipiac Avenue in February 2020.



HAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT JULY 2024



The investigation revealed that Suggs and other members of the Exit 8 gang engaged in drug trafficking, used and shared firearms, and, since June 2018, have committed at least three murders and 16 attempted murders. Exit 8 members and associates also stole vehicles, at times from outside of the state, and used those stolen vehicles when committing acts of violence. Gang members also promoted, coordinated, facilitated, and celebrated their narcotics distribution and acts of violence through text messaging and the use of social media applications and websites including Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, and YouTube.

Suggs pleaded guilty to conspiracy to engage in a pattern of racketeering activity, including acts of violence, narcotics trafficking, and gun sales, and specifically admitted that, on May 19, 2021, he shot and killed an associate of a rival gang. Suggs also admitted that in 2021, he and other Exit 8 members broke into a Connecticut state trooper's car and stole the trooper's duty bag.

At sentencing, which is not scheduled, Suggs faces a maximum term of imprisonment of life. Suggs has been detained since March 24, 2023.

This investigation is being conducted by ATF, the FBI, the DEA, the New Haven Police Department, the **Hamden Police Department**, and the New Haven State's Attorney's Office, with the assistance of the Connecticut State Police and the Connecticut Forensic Science Laboratory. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Tara E. Levens, Rahul Kale and Jocelyn C. Kaoutzanis.

This prosecution is a part of the Justice's Department's Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), Project Longevity and Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) programs. PSN is a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and make neighborhoods safer for everyone. For more information about Project Safe Neighborhoods, please visit www.justice.gov/psn.

Project Longevity is a comprehensive initiative to reduce gun violence in Connecticut's major cities. Through Project Longevity, community members and law enforcement directly engage with members of groups that are prone to commit violence and deliver a community message against violence, a law enforcement message about the consequences of further violence and an offer of help for those who want it.

OCDETF identifies, disrupts and dismantles drug traffickers, money launderers, gangs, and transnational criminal organizations through a prosecutor-led and intelligence-driven approach that leverages the strengths of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. Additional information about the OCDETF Program can be found at <https://www.justice.gov/OCDETF>.