



# HAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MONTHLY REPORT

DECEMBER 2023



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## **Personnel Matters and Events**

On December 4, 2023, Officer Richard Cotto was transferred from the Patrol Division of the Field Services Bureau to the Training Division within the Professional Standards Bureau.

On December 6, 2023, Detective Sergeant Jomo Crawford and Officer Michael Altieri were presented with Unit Citation Awards by New Haven Police Chief Karl Jacobson for their participation in the New Haven Shooting Task Force





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## Personnel Matters and Events

New Haven Police Departments award ceremony at Omni Hotel in New Haven



Pictured left to right: Officer Michael Altieri, Hamden Police Chief Edward Page Reynolds, Deputy Police Chief Kevin Samperi and Detective Sergeant Jomo Crawford



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## Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Officer Kevin Cugini with K-9 Jet at their K-9 Academy Graduation



Pictured left to right: Officer Karen Estronza, Deputy Chief William C. Onofrio, Police Chief Edward Page Reynolds, Officer Kevin Cugini, Officer Anthony Georgetti and K-9 Commander Lieutenant Jason Venditto, along with K-9 Jet



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## **Personnel Matters and Events (continued)**

On December 13, 2023, Captain Robert D'Aniello concluded the fall session of the Citizens Police Academy





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## **Personnel Matters and Events (continued)**

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

- Car Seat Clinic @ Hamden Police Department, - December 2, - Sergeant Scott Jason conducted car seat inspections and installations at the police department for members of the public
- Town of Hamden Community Services Department annual toy drive @ Hamden Mart entrance, - (3 Sessions, - December 2, 9, 16, - Hamden Police Officers volunteered their time with the Town of Hamden Community Services Department in collecting toys for the annual toy drive program, which helps to provide for the children in our communities
- Annual Shop with A Cop Program (10<sup>th</sup> year) – Hamden Police Officers participated in the annual Shop with A Cop program, which is sponsored by the Reach Foundation. Officers collaborated with the Reach Foundation, Hamden Community Services Department, Walmart and several Hamden families in making the event a great success





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## Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

### Shop with a Cop





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## 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, Woodin Street and Fairview 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 Road and Wintergreen Avenue







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## Training - Sworn Personnel

During the month of December, department-wide training for all sworn personnel consisted of Landlord Tennant, NIBRS, Risk Protection Orders, and Body Worn Cameras online at PoliceOne



## Training – In Service

Crash Reconstruction @ Wethersfield Police Department – Officers Jinett Marte and Joseph Mortali

Shot Gun Armorer School @ Clinton Police Department – Deputy Chief Kevin Samperi and Lieutenant Eric Goclowski

Patrol Rifle Class @ Hamden Police Department / New Haven PD Range – Sergeants Paul Calamita and William May, and Officers John Glass, Steven Teague, Juan Bayas, Cameron Joyner, Vincent DeStefanis, Oscar Soler, Hailey Zarzuela, and Jacob Wright





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## Training - Sworn Personnel

Rifle training for members of the Patrol Division



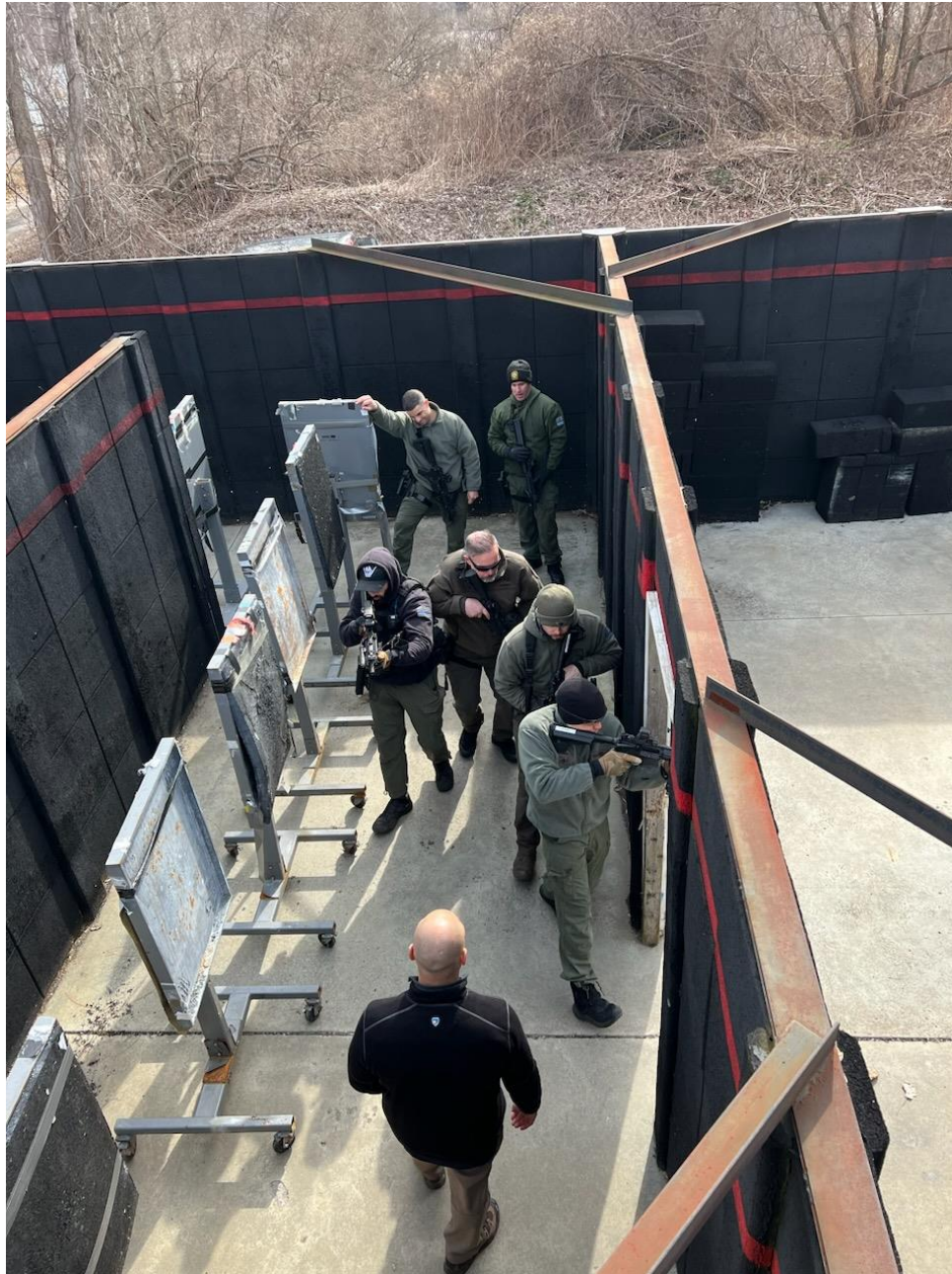


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## Training: Emergency Services Unit

Members of the Emergency Services Unit (ESU) participated in building searches and room clearing during the month of December





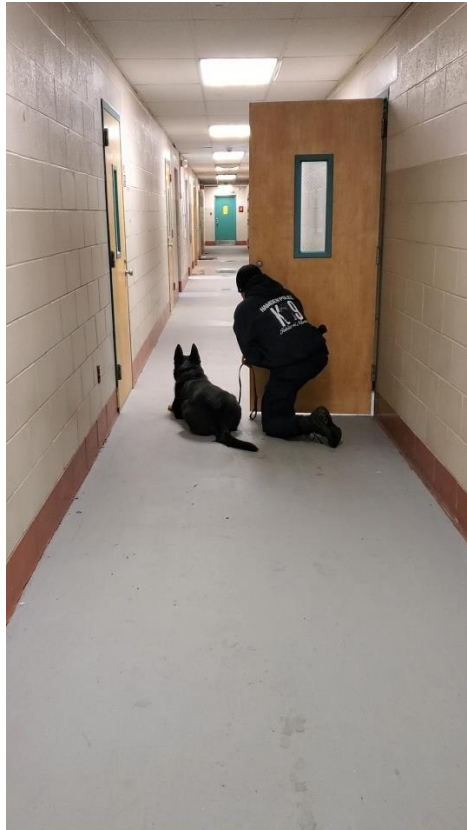
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## Training – K-9

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



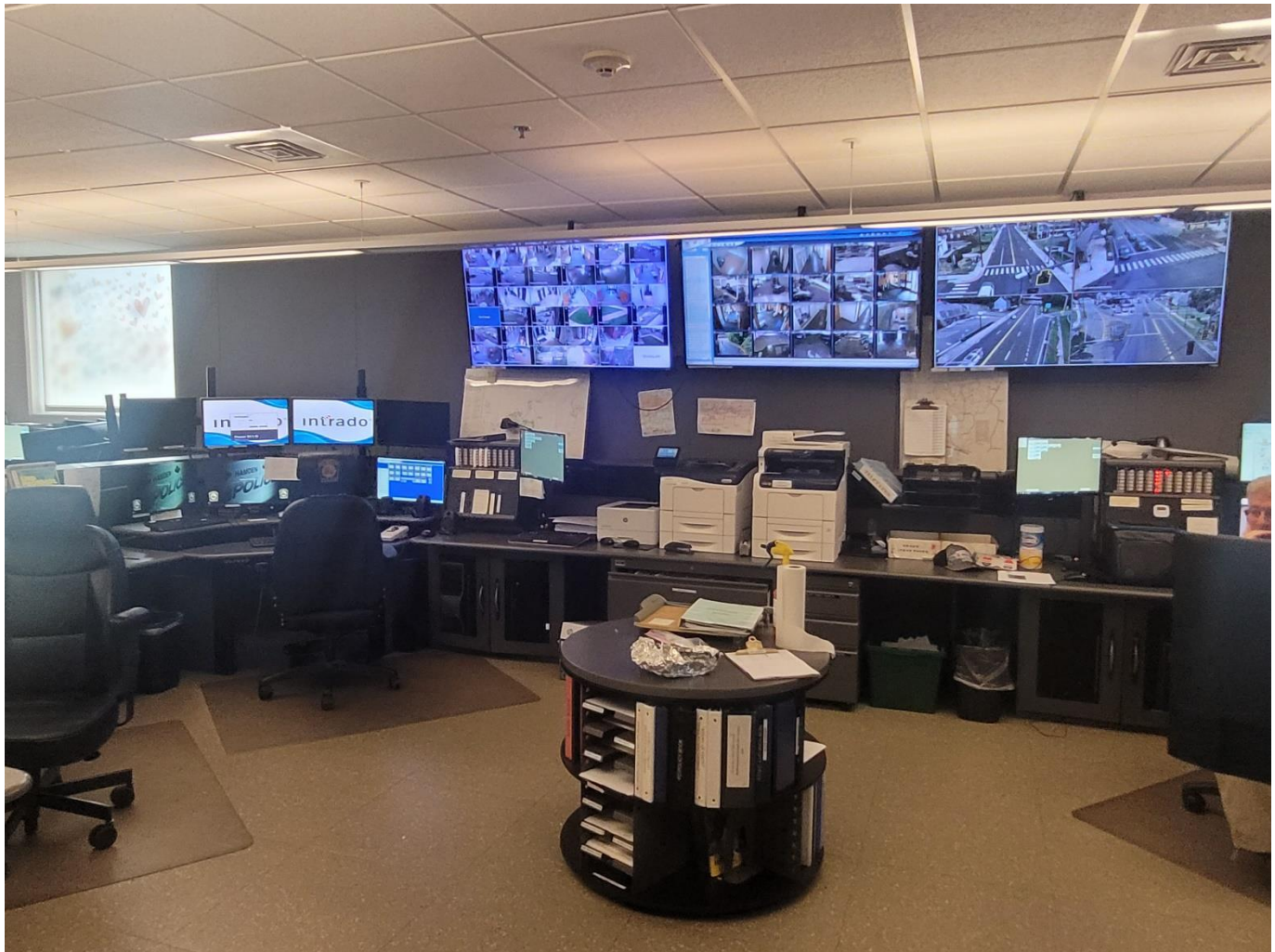


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## Training – Dispatchers

During the month of December, Dispatcher training consisted of EMD protocols that was conducted by AMR





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## **Incidents of Special Interest**

On December 4, 2023, an arrest warrant was approved for Marquise Cannon, 38, for Criminal Possession of a Firearm, Carrying a Pistol W/O a permit, and Illegal Discharge of a Firearm with a \$250,000.00 court set bond. Cannon is currently located at The New Haven Correctional Center (245 Whalley Avenue, New Haven) due to unrelated firearms charges. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that occurred on July 22, 2023, when Hamden Police Officers responded to the area of Shelton Avenue and Morse Street due to reports of gunshots. Upon officers' arrival, no spent cartridge cases were located. As a result, it was determined that the gunfire actually occurred on Goodrich Street just east of Shelton Avenue where numerous spent cartridge cases were located. After a lengthy investigation by Detectives from the Major Crimes Unit an arrest warrant submitted and approved by the courts.

On December 5, 2023, at approximately 2:30 a.m., officers from the Patrol Division responded to a residence on Newhall Street on a reported attempted burglary. The home owner stated that she heard noises coming from the exterior of her home, which prompted her to review her exterior mounted surveillance camera. Video evidence showed what appeared to be two young males wearing dark clothing and facial cover masks approach her front door and attempt to gain access into the home by use of the door handle. There was no forcible entry observed. The rear video footage also revealed two other younger males hop over her rear fence and attempt to gain access into the home by the south side door, which was also found to be locked. No forcible entry was used on the side door either. The suspects that approached the residence from the rear also attempted to gain access into a vehicle, which was parked within the driveway.

On December 5, 2023, at approximately 4:45 p.m., members of the Patrol Division and Detective Division were dispatched to a residence on Westview Street on a report of a burglary. Upon arrival, it was determined that the suspect entered the backyard through a broken stockade fence, which is on the northside of the house, at the corner near Thomas Street. The suspect then forced entry into the rear window from the back deck, entered a side porch, and then forced entry into the kitchen. The suspect then ransacked the complainants' bedroom, which is on the lower level, on the northside of the house. The complainants' purse that was previously in her bedroom, was found in the rear yard, with all of the contents dumped on the ground. The complainant stated that the only item that is missing from the house is a Michael Kors watch, which is valued at approximately \$120.00 dollars and no other bedrooms in the house were touched. A hammer was located in the complainants' bedroom, which was not previously there prior to her leaving the house this morning. There was also a baseball bat that was located on the ground in the backyard, which the complainant indicated was previously in her shed. CSU Detective Rachel Zinni responded and processed the scene.



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### **Incidents of Special Interest (continued)**

On December 11, 2023, Edward Michael Parks, also known as “Lee” and “Trouble,” 37, of Raleigh, North Carolina, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Kari A. Dooley in Bridgeport to three consecutive life sentences for federal offenses related to his kidnapping and murdering of two individuals in Hamden, and his killing of a third man in New Haven to stop him from notifying law enforcement.

The announcement was made by United States Attorney Vanessa Roberts Avery, New Haven State’s Attorney John P. Doyle, Jr., Special Agent in Charge Robert Fuller of the New Haven Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Hamden Police Chief Edward Page Reynolds, and New Haven Police Chief Karl Jacobson. According to the evidence presented during his trial, on November 16, 2015, Parks was in an apartment on Shelton Avenue in New Haven to conduct an illegal sale of firearms. Damian Connor and Tamar Lawrence were also present in the apartment. When another individual left the apartment with firearms that he had not paid for, Parks, who was armed, held Connor and Lawrence against their will. Parks collected money and valuables from Connor and Lawrence, and then forced them to travel in Connor’s car to Hamden where Connor said he could get more money. They were followed in another vehicle by Devante Williams and another individual. After the vehicles arrived at 676 Mix Avenue in Hamden, Parks shot and killed Connor and Lawrence. Parks then left the scene with Williams and others in the second vehicle and returned to New Haven.

When Parks perceived Williams as being anxious about the murders of Connor and Lawrence, Parks shot and killed Williams in the area of Sherman Court in New Haven. On January 19, 2023, Parks was found guilty of two counts of kidnapping resulting in death, and one count of witness tampering by killing. “This is a necessary and appropriate sentence that provides justice for the victims and their loved ones, and will protect society from a ruthless killer,” said U.S. Attorney Avery. “Our office prioritizes the prosecution of those who illegally traffic, possess, and use guns, which wreaks havoc in our communities, especially our cities. I thank our partners in the FBI, Hamden Police Department, New Haven Police Department and New Haven State’s Attorney’s Office for their dedicated and collaborative efforts in this critically important investigation.”

“Today’s sentence is appropriate for the level of violence and murder this individual was responsible for while on our streets,” said FBI Special Agent in Charge Fuller. “It is our sincere hope that this sentence brings the victim’s families one step closer to some degree of closure.”

“The New Haven State’s Attorney’s Office would like to thank the U.S. Attorney’s office, the FBI, and the Hamden and New Haven Police Departments for their work in this case,” said New Haven State’s Attorney Doyle. “This sentencing reflects that strong partnerships between law enforcement are invaluable in the pursuit of justice for victims and their grieving families. We look forward to this continued collaboration as we all strive each day to make our communities in greater New Haven safer.”



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### **Incidents of Special Interest (continued)**

“I hope and pray that the families of these victims will be able to find some closure and peace,” said Hamden Police Chief Reynolds. “I thank and commend Hamden Sergeant Jomo Crawford, New Haven Assistant Chief Bertram Ettienne, the FBI Safe Streets Task Force, the U.S. Attorney’s Office, the New Haven State’s Attorney Office including now Chief State’s Attorney Pat Griffin and current New Haven State’s Attorney Jack Doyle, Raleigh Detective I.O. Smith, and so many other law enforcement partners who assisted. I would also like to thank the Hamden and New Haven communities who worked with law enforcement to provide valuable information pertaining to these three homicides. This case demonstrated that by successful collaboration at the highest level and working together we were able to get a violent individual off the streets.”

“The New Haven Police Department is extremely grateful to our partners in the U.S. Attorney’s office, FBI, DEA, ATF, and the State’s Attorney’s office,” said New Haven Police Chief Jacobson. “A case like this cannot be brought to justice without this collaboration. I also want to thank then Detective and now Assistant Chief Bertram Ettienne, who was the NHPD lead, and then Detective Jomo Crawford, who is now Sergeant Crawford. These two and this team committed themselves to justice for the three victims. This shows a strong resolve to help stop the violence in our cities.” Parks has been in custody since January 2016 and was previously convicted of federal drug and firearm offenses in the Eastern District of North Carolina.

This investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Hamden Police Department and New Haven Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Nathaniel J. Gentile and A. Reed Durham, and Assistant State’s Attorney Seth Garbarsky, who was cross-designated as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in this matter.

On December 14, 2023, at approximately 10:45 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to the area of Helen Street and Murray Street on a shots-fired complaint. That upon arrival into the area responding officers found that 68 Helen Street had been struck by 2–3 gun shots. That responding officers also found 3-4 spent firearms casings near the corner of Helen Street and Murray Street. The crime scene was secured, witnesses identified, and RING doorbell footage detailing the incident was found. The area of Helen Street and Murray Street was checked out for any gunshot victims and the area hospitals were also checked with negative results. The Detective Bureau and Crime Scene Unit were notified and responded for further investigation.





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### **Incidents of Special Interest (continued)**

On December 26, 2023, a juvenile was arrested on the strength of an arrest warrant after turning himself in at Hamden Police H.Q and was charged with 53a-48/53a-134 Conspiracy to Commit Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> degree. The juvenile was held on a "Take into Custody" order and was transported to Bridgeport Juvenile Detention Center for a court appearance on December 27, 2023. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that occurred on October 28, 2023, when a Paul and Eddies delivery driver was carjacked at gunpoint at the corner of Burke Street and Dix Street. The initial investigation led to an on-site arrest of two juveniles on weapons charges, however further charges could not be made at the time. On December 20, 2023, an arrest warrant was submitted and approved for the juvenile who resides in New Haven, for his participation in the robbery.

On December 31, 2023, at approximately 11:30 p.m., Officer Joseph Seagren was sitting at the traffic light at Goodrich Street and Shelton Street, when an Acura MDX was traveling northbound on Shelton Avenue from New Haven, at a high rate of speed as the Acura was being pursued by at least one unmarked New Haven police cruiser. At that time, the Acura attempted to drive the wrong way, eastbound on Goodrich Street and struck the entire driver side of cruiser #31. Officer Seagren was transported to Yale New Haven Hospital for an evaluation. Cruiser #31 was totaled and an accident report was completed by Sergeant Derrick Manning. Shortly after striking Seagren's police cruiser, New Haven Police advised Central Communications that they located the vehicle on Beechwood Lane in their city. Officers responded to that location and discovered that New Haven had the operator, Andrew Fowlin and the passenger, Lindsey Edwards in custody. Both parties bailed from the vehicle but were only able to make it through a few yards before becoming surrounded and placed into custody. At the time of this incident, no weapons or contraband were located in the vehicle or along the path the suspects ran. Officers from New Haven PD stated, this vehicle was apparently pursued numerous times on this date in their city. They were able to partially spike strip the vehicle on Munson Street which eventually made it into our town. A warrant for Andrew Fowlin will be completed as he was taken into custody by New Haven.