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Hartford Police Make Arrest in Connection with Florence Street Robbery

Hartford – On April 3, 2009, Hartford Police Major Crimes Detectives Dennis DeMatteo and Brian Salkeld arrested **Luis Rivera of 59 Pliny Street, Hartford** at 2550 Main Street in connection with a March 24, 2009 robbery occurring at 5 Florence Street, Hartford.

On March 24, 2009 Rivera is accused of walking into a home at 5 Florence Street, holding one party at gunpoint, while forcing another to put video games into a bag. Rivera then fled out the home on foot. A neighbor startled Rivera as he fled the home causing Rivera to drop the stolen video games on the rear lawn.

Rivera was charged with home invasion, robbery 1st degree, larceny 2nd degree, larceny 3rd degree and risk of injury to a minor. A \$200,000 bond was imposed.

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