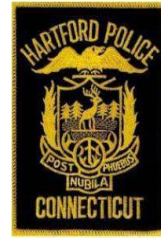




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[HARTFORD SHOOTING TASK FORCE](#) SEIZES FIREARM; MAKES ARREST

(Hartford, CT) Members of the [Hartford Shooting Task Force](#), investigating a shots fired incident on March 29th, 2013, seized a .22 Beretta pistol and three .22 caliber magazines and charged a 20 year old with criminal possession of a firearm, announced Hartford Police Chief James C. Rovella today.

Arrested and charged with criminal possession of a firearm, carrying a pistol without a permit, carrying weapons in a vehicle, possession of marijuana, and failure to give a proper signal, was Edgar Aquilar, 20, of Hartford. His bond was set at \$150,000.



Edgard Aquilar, 20, of 29 Mortson Street, Hartford

On July 5, 2011, Mayor Segarra, joined by Chief State's Attorney Kane, State's Attorney Hardy, then Chief Inspector James C. Rovella, and others, launched the Shooting Task Force, a collaboration of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies dedicated to eradicating gun violence in Connecticut's Capital City. A partnership between the Hartford Police Department, Office of the Hartford State's Attorney, Office of the Chief State's Attorney, the Connecticut State Police, the Connecticut Departments of Correction and Parole, and the West Hartford,

Manchester, Wethersfield and East Hartford police departments, the Hartford Shooting Task Force is charged with investigating gun violence and bringing those responsible for such violence to prosecution. It also collaborates with the Violent Crimes Bureau and the Witness Protection Unit in the Office of the Chief State's Attorney and in conjunction with the Central Connecticut Cold Case Task Force. During the first year of its operation, from July 5, 2012 through June 30, 2012, the City of Hartford has seen a 31.48% reduction in shooting victims.

Visit www.hartford.gov/police/hartford-shooting-task-force, for more information on this regional, multi-agency, team dedicated to eradicating gun violence. Confidential tips may be submitted to the Hartford Shooting Task Force at spels001@hartford.gov, or through [Hartford Crime Stoppers](#) at 860-722-TIPS (8477) and [online by clicking here](#).

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