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[HARTFORD SHOOTING TASK FORCE](#) COLD CASE INVESTIGATION LEADS TO ARREST

(Hartford, CT.) Members of the [Hartford Shooting Task Force](#) conducting a cold case investigation of a November 9th, 2011, shooting that occurred at Westland and Eastford Street have charged Brandon Milton, 22, of Babcock Street, Hartford, (see booking photo below) in connection with the shooting incident. Milton, who is currently incarcerated on unrelated charges, will be arraigned in Hartford Superior Court and charged with criminal use of a firearm, criminal possession of a firearm, first degree assault, and carrying a pistol without a permit. He has a judge set bond of \$1,000,000 in connection with these charges.

On November 9, 2011, at approximately 11:40 p.m., Hartford police officers responded to a report of a person shot in the vicinity of Westland and Eastford Street. On arrival officers located a 21 year old male victim suffering from a gunshot wound to the neck. The victim was transported to St. Francis Hospital where he was treated for his injuries.

Hartford Shooting Task Force Officer Steven Austin developed investigatory leads identifying Milton (booking photo below) as the suspect that enabled the task force to apply for and obtain a warrant for his arrest on April 2, 2013, said Sergeant Sean Spell, supervisor of the Hartford Shooting Task Force. commend Officer Austin and our entire team for never giving up on the investigation.

Anyone with information, no matter how slight, that may assist the Hartford Shooting Task Force as it investigates gun related crimes, is asked to contact [Hartford Shooting Task Force](#) Supervisor Sergeant Sean Spell 860.757.4112, or email spels001@hartford.gov. Anonymous, confidential tips may be made by contacting Hartford Crime Stoppers at 860.722.TIPS (8477) or online by clicking here.

Hartford Shooting Task Force

[Profile of Hartford Shooting Task Force via WFSB 3 Connecticut](#)

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[Report of first year activities and achievements of the Hartford Shooting Task Force, July 5,2011 to June 30, 2012; narrative and charts depicting 42.3% reduction in homicides, 29.4% reduction in first degree assaults with a firearm,](#)

[and an overall 31.4% reduction in shooting victims.](#)

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.



Brandon Milton, DOB 3/4/1991, 57 Babcock Street, Hartford, CT

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