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## PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

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### **HARTFORD SHOOTING TASK FORCE AND MAJOR CRIMES INVESTIGATION LEADS TO ARREST OF JONATHAN ROACH FOR 2012 SHOOTING**

(Hartford, CT.) Police Chief James C. Rovella today announced detectives of the Hartford Shooting Task Force and the HPD Major Crimes Division, following an intensive investigation, have charged Jonathan Roach, 20, in connection with a serious assault with a firearm that occurred on February 27, 2012, at 61 Bond Street.

Roach, currently serving eight years at the [MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution](#) in Suffield, on a March 14, 2013, conviction in connection with an unrelated July 24, 2012, shooting incident, was charged on April 26, 2013, by Hartford police with first degree assault with a firearm, unlawful discharge of a firearm, criminal possession of a firearm, carrying a pistol without a permit and first degree reckless endangerment. His judge set bond is \$750,000. He will be habeas for arraignment in Hartford Superior Court.

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 4 p.m., HPD patrol units were dispatched to the area of Franklin Avenue at Bond Street on a report of shots fired. On arrival citizens reported to police hearing multiple shots. Citizens further reported a male shot in the leg had left the scene. A short time later a victim, a 22 year old male, arrived at Hartford Hospital via private vehicle suffering from a gunshot wound to the leg. On investigation, he was identified as the victim.

Chief Rovella praised the Shooting Task Force on the arrest, "Members of the Shooting Task Force continue to build upon its success in investigating and identifying individuals engaged in non-fatal gun assaults and violent criminal activity, leveraging every resource available to prevent further outbreaks of violence in our city."



Jonathan Roach, DOB 8/11/1992, of 97 Bond Street, Hartford, CT

A major component of Hartford Police Chief James C. Rovella's 2013 Safe City Initiative, the Hartford Shooting Task Force was created in July, 2011. A collaboration of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies dedicated to eradicating gun violence in Connecticut's Capital City, the partnership includes the Hartford Police Department, Office of the Chief State's Attorney, Connecticut State Police, Connecticut Department 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 of the State of Connecticut Office of the Chief State's Attorney and in conjunction with the Central Connecticut Cold Case Task Force.

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