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TWO CHARGED BY HARTFORD SHOOTING TASK FORCE IN CONNECTION WITH ONGOING INVESTIGATION OF MAY 5TH SHOTS FIRED INCIDENT

(Hartford, CT) –Members of the Hartford Shooting Task Force have identified two suspects in connection with a May 5th, 2013 shots fired incident at 71-73 Madison Street.

An arrest warrant charging Christian Gotay, 29, of Broad Street Hartford, with criminal possession of a firearm, first degree criminal attempted assault, conspiracy to commit first degree assault, carrying a pistol without a permit, unlawful discharge of a firearm, first degree reckless endangerment and carrying weapons in a motor vehicle was approved by Hartford Superior Court on June 12, 2013. Gotay was apprehended, without incident, on June 26, 2013, by HSTF Detective Ragon and Officer Cournoyer. He remains in custody on a \$1 million bond.

A second arrest warrant, charging Angel Carrasquillo, 31, of Capitol Avenue, Hartford, with conspiracy to commit first degree assault, was approved by Hartford Superior Court on June 12, 2013, with a court set bond of \$1 million. Carrasquillo, who is currently incarcerated, will be habeas for arraignment in Hartford Superior Court.

On May 5, 2013, Hartford Police patrol officers were dispatched to 73 Madison Street in response to multiple 911 calls reporting gun fire that was also confirmed by [ShotSpotter](#) technology. On arrival and investigation, officers located seven shell casings in the vicinity of 71-73 Madison Street and projectile damage to an unoccupied parked vehicle and the front of 71-73 Madison Street. No victims were struck by the gunfire which witness accounts indicated was to have occurred between two groups of males. The Hartford Shooting Task Force and HPD Crime Scene Division responded to the scene and began an investigation that remains ongoing.

Anyone with information that may be of assistance to the investigation, no matter how insignificant it may seem, is asked to contact Hartford Shooting Task Force Supervising Sergeant Sean Spell at 860-757-4112, or email spels001@hartford.gov. Anonymous, confidential tips may be made by contact [Hartford Crime Stoppers](#) at 860-722-TIPS (8477) or on-line at www.hartfordcrimestoppers.com.



Angel Carrasquillo, DOB 4/5/1982



Christian Gotay, DOB 4/12/1984

Background of The Hartford Shooting Task Force:

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's 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.

For further information about the Hartford Shooting Task Force contact Sergeant Sean Spell, Supervisor, at 860-757-4112, email spels001@hartford.gov.

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