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Hartford Shooting Task Force Recovers Stolen Firearm

(Hartford, CT) – A Hartford Shooting Task Force (HSTF) surveillance detail operating in the Enfield Street area of the city has resulted in the recovery of a stolen firearm and the arrest of Tyshawn Turner, 28, of Hartford.

On Thursday, July 25th, 2013, at approximately 8:50 p.m., HSTF Officers Fancher and Rodney, conducting surveillance in the Enfield Street area, observed the suspect, Turner, exit the My Food Market at 20 Greenfield Street, scan the area and adjust his waistband, exhibiting indicators of an armed individual. As officers approached Turner he fled south on Enfield Street, removing the firearm from his waistband and running with it in his hand. Officer Rodney drew his firearm ordering Turner to drop the firearm. He complied with Officer Fancher, dropping the firearm to the ground. He was taken into custody without further incident. Investigation by the HSTF determined the firearm was stolen during a burglary in Bloomfield, CT, several years ago.

Turner was charged by Hartford Police with criminal possession of a firearm, theft of a firearm, carrying a pistol without a permit and interfering with police. The firearm seized was an Astra A-75 .40 Caliber pistol, with a magazine and seven rounds of ammunition. Turner remains in custody on a \$500,000 bond pending arraignment in Hartford Superior Court.

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



Tyshawn Turner, DOB 9/1/1984, of 79 Sumner Street, Hartford, CT

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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