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HARTFORD SHOOTING TASK FORCE: ARREST MADE FOR MARCH 30, 2013 SHOTS FIRED INCIDENT

(Hartford, CT) – An investigation into a March 30, 2013, shootings incident at 46 Catherine Street by Hartford Shooting Task Force Officers Brando Flores and David Cournoyer has led to the arrest of Michael Nieves, 21, of 691 Capitol Avenue, Hartford.

With the assistance of HPD Patrol Officer Edward Foster, one of the original responding officers, sufficient evidence and information was developed identifying Nieves as the suspect and for the approval of a warrant for his arrest May 30, 2013. Nieves was subsequently taken into custody by Officers Flores and Cournoyer without incident in Hartford on June 3, 2013. He has been charged with criminal possession of a firearm, unlawful discharge of a firearm, first degree attempted criminal assault, carrying a pistol without a permit and first degree reckless endangerment. Nieves' bond was set at \$250,000 with a June 14, 2013, appearance scheduled at Hartford Superior Court.



Michael Nieves, DOB 6/16/1991

At approximately 12:20 a.m., on March 30, 2013, HPD patrol units responded to 48 Catherine Street on a report of several shots fired. The scene was secured, evidence was collected, and witness information gathered, however the shooter was not identified at the time. The Hartford Shooting Task Force was notified, responded to the scene and began an investigation which has led to Nieves' arrest.

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.

[Hartford on Cutting Edge of Anti-Gun Initiative, January 2013 Hartford Courant Article](#)

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