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12 ARRESTS IN HARTFORD SHOOTING TEAM TASK FORCE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE

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October 11, 2011--- 12 people are under arrest on a slew of charges as a result of a traffic enforcement initiative conducted by The Hartford Shooting Team Task Force in conjunction with the HPD Traffic Division and Condition Units. This effort took place on Saturday, October 9, 2011 in eight areas throughout the City and the charges ranged from firearms and narcotics to noise violations and motor vehicle violations. Evidence seized included a semi-automatic pistol and 6.5 grams of crack cocaine.

“Looking at the big picture, including the achievements already made by the Shooting Task Force alone, this kind of cooperative effort is netting incredible results. We are making real progress in getting dangerous weapons and drugs off our streets. With this kind of continued success, the Hartford Shooting Task Force could prove to be a model crime-fighting effort for the nation,” said Hartford Mayor Pedro E. Segarra.

Police Chief Daryl K Roberts adds, “Rest assured, future combined initiatives are planned to ensure that we continue this positive momentum and have a significant impact on the public safety of our city.”

The Hartford Shooting Team was reinstated by Mayor Pedro E. Segarra in July of this year. It is a partnership between the HPD, Offices of the Chief State’s Attorney and Hartford State’s Attorney, the Connecticut State Police and State Department of Correction, Board of Pardons and Paroles and Office of Adult Probation, Federal Drug Enforcement Administration, and the East Hartford, West Hartford and Manchester Police Departments. The Task Force investigates gun violence and brings 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 works in conjunction with the Central Connecticut Cold Cast Task Force.