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NEWS RELEASE

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HARTFORD POLICE INVESTIGATE WEST INDAIAN DAY PARADE HOMICIDE AND SHOOTINGS

(Hartford) – On August 09, 2008 at 6:37 PM Hartford Police Patrol officers responded to 3053 Main St. on reports of a person shot. Responding Police Officers found seven (7) victims of gunfire at that location. Victims were transported to both St. Francis Hospital and Hartford Hospital for treatment. The gunfire erupted after the annual. Numerous citizens were in the area enjoying the post West Indian Day Parade festivities when the gunfire erupted.

The shooting(s) resulted in one homicide victim and six other persons being wounded by gunshots. Critically injured was a seven year old male. Also wounded by gunfire was a 15 month old infant.

Hartford Police Major Crimes Division and Crime Scene Division responded to the scene to assume the investigation. The public's cooperation is being sought to aid in this investigation. No arrests have been made in connection with this investigation.

The victims are:

Ezekiel Roberts, **21 years old**, Hartford, deceased
Tafari Jackson, 15 years old, Bloomfield, gunshot wound lower extremity
John Gibson., 16 years old, Windsor, gunshot wound to lower back
Zinia Jackson, 15 months old, Hartford, gunshot wound to lower extremity
Tyreke Marquis, 7 years old, Hartford, gunshot wound to the head
Quarnell Smith, 16 years old, Hartford, gunshot wound to lower extremity
Angelique Green, 17 years old, Hartford, gunshot wound to lower extremity

In commenting on the incident, Hartford Police Chief Daryl K. Roberts said, "We are following every lead in the investigation of these shootings. However, we need the community to partner

with us in solving these crimes. I am personally asking anyone with information about the shootings to contact Major Crimes Division Detective Andrew Jacobson (860) 757-4203 or MCD Supervisor Sergeant Robert Davis at (860) 757-4256. For anyone with information who wishes to remain anonymous, I encourage you to call the private, reward based **Crime Stoppers Tipline at 860-722-TIPS (8477)** or **Text-A-Tip at CRIMES (274637) enter TIP716 and message**. I must emphasize that the community's help can make all the difference in holding those responsible for these shootings accountable for their actions and to see that they brought to justice."

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