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NEWS RELEASE

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Suspect Armed with Firearm Shot by Police

Hartford, Conn. – On January 8, 2010, at approximately 3:30 a.m., a uniformed Hartford Police Officer operating a marked police vehicle, attempted to stop a white 4 door sedan with dark tinted windows that had committed a motor vehicle violation. This vehicle refused to stop for the officer and instead accelerated away from the officer. A short distance later, the passenger of the vehicle exited the car and fled on foot while the operator of the vehicle continued to drive away. The uniformed police officer pursued the fleeing passenger on foot in the area of Edgewood Street.

In the area of 123 Edgewood Street, an assisting uniformed officer encountered the passenger and ordered him to stop. The passenger, later identified as **Robert Minnifield (08/31/84) of 122 Earle Street**, raised a firearm and advanced toward the uniformed officer. The officer discharged his firearm striking Minnifield in his lower extremities. The loaded firearm Minnifield wielded was secured and he was provided immediate medical attention on scene. He was subsequently transported to Saint Francis Hospital where he is listed in stable condition. Minnifield had an outstanding warrant for Robbery 3rd Degree, Strangulation 3rd Degree, and Breach of Peace 2nd Degree stemming from a October, 2009 domestic violence incident.

Detectives from the Hartford Police Department's Major Crimes Division and the Evidentiary Services Division responded to the scene to conduct the investigation. The Office of the States Attorney also responded to the scene to assist in the investigation.

The officer was uninjured and, as is standard practice, he has been placed on administrative duty pending the outcome of an internal investigation.

In commenting on the incident, Hartford Police Chief Daryl K. Roberts stated: "It appears the officer, when faced with a deadly threat, did everything according to police policy and procedure and conducted himself in a professional manner."

Anyone with information regarding this incident or the whereabouts or the fleeing white 4 door sedan with dark tinted windows is urged to contact Sergeant Rob Davis of the Hartford Police Department's Major Crimes Division at 860-757-4256 or to call the Hartford Crime Stoppers Tip Line at 860-722-TIPS (8477).

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