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NEWS RELEASE

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HARTFORD POLICE ARREST 5 JUVENILES FOR ARMED ROBBERY

Hartford – On January 14, 2010 at approximately 8:50 p.m., Hartford Police Officers responded to the area of Mary Shepards Place on a report of an armed robbery with a firearm committed by five individuals. Officers established a perimeter and observed five suspects matching the suspects' descriptions in the courtyard of Mary Shepards Place. As officers of the Northeast Conditions Unit approached the five suspects, two suspects fled on foot with one of the fleeing suspects throwing a firearm to the ground. Officers recovered the firearm which was a loaded Colt .380 semi-automatic handgun.

Officers successfully apprehended all five suspects. All five suspects were positively identified by the victim. Four of the suspects were 16 years of age and one of the suspects was 15 years of age.

The personal information of the suspects are being withheld due to their age, however all were charged with Criminal Attempt to Commit Robbery 1st Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery 1st Degree, and Criminal Trespass 3rd Degree. The two suspects who fled were also charged with Interfering with Police and the 16 year old who threw the firearm was also charged with Carrying a Pistol without a Permit, Reckless Endangerment 1st Degree, Threatening 2nd Degree, and Criminal Attempt to Commit Assault 2nd Degree.

Anyone with information about this incident or other similar incidents is urged to contact Hartford Police Major Crimes Division Supervising Sergeant, Brandon O'Brien, at 860-757-4089 or asked to call Crime Stoppers at 860-722-TIPS (8477).

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