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Dean M. Esserman
Chief of Police

Today  48° Sunny	Tue  52° Partly Sunny	Wed  60° Mostly Cloudy	Thu  65° Rain	Fri  52° Sunny
Tonight  31° Partly Cloudy	Tue Night  38° Mostly Cloudy	Wed Night  49° Mostly Cloudy	Thu Night  38° Rain	Fri Night  30° Mostly Clear



By Officer David B Hartman



28 October, 2013 - WOMAN LEADS OFFICERS ON A SHORT PURSUIT IN STOLEN TRUCK

At about 10:00 AM, Sergeant Vincent Anastasio met with Officers Darryl Cargill and Michael Hurley regarding a reported stolen truck. Val Trnka, of East Haven, told the Officers his work truck had been stolen from his Townsend Avenue business. He provided the Officers with information on a witness to the theft.

About three hours after the Officers reported the vehicle, Officer Sal Rodriguez spotted it on the interstate. After a short pursuit, the truck stopped on the I-91 southbound exit 10 ramp. Before stopping, the truck thief tried several times to ram a Police cruiser. Beth Miller (12-5-1972), of Oakley Street in New Haven was then arrested and charged with stealing the truck.

Officer Rodriguez charged the unlicensed operator with six violations including engaging Police in a pursuit and reckless driving.

As this was unfolding, Officer Elsa Berrios was across town investigating the theft of tools from a work truck on Howard Avenue. When she heard the description of the truck the tool thief was driving, she suspected the crimes could be connected. The crew from Cerilli Construction had spotted a woman taking off with their Sawzall and circular saw. Officer Berrios charged Miller with larceny.

When Miller arrived at the detention center at Police Headquarters, Judicial Marshals found a bag of crack cocaine hidden in her bra. She was additionally charged with possession of narcotics and conveying contraband into a correctional facility.



28 October, 2013 - MAN ARRESTED FOR DRUG POSSESSION WHEN OFFICERS INTERRUPT HIS ENCOUNTER WITH A SUSPECTED PROSTITUTE

While on the beat near 196 Fairmont Avenue, Officers Rafael Ramirez and David Vega were approached by a nearby resident. She told the Officers there has been periodic suspicious activity in the mostly boarded up and abandoned property.

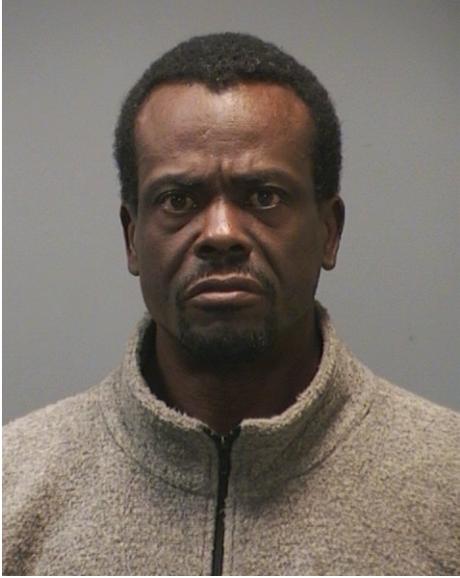
The Officers kept her information in mind and checked the property during their shift. At about 9:15 PM, they returned there and spotted a man and woman partially hidden on the south side of the property. When the woman noticed the Officers, she got up from her position and walked toward them. Tina Portino (11-2-1966), of Sheffield Road in North Haven, told them she'd been talking to her friend but didn't know his name. Conversation was not the activity the Officers had observed.



The Officers called the male party out of hiding. Terrell McLaurin (7-16-1994), of Howard Avenue in New Haven, told the Officers he'd been approached by the woman as he walked down Fairmont Avenue. He said she offered to perform a sexual act for twenty dollars. He said he agreed, brought her to the property, paid her and was consequently engaged until interrupted by the Police.

Portino's crack pipe was confiscated. She was also found to have some assorted prescription medications on her that were not kept in an appropriate container. McLaurin's eight bags of marijuana were also confiscated.

Portino was arrested and charged with trespassing in the third degree, prostitution, possession of drug paraphernalia and failing to keep prescription narcotics in original container. McLaurin was arrested and charged with trespassing in the third degree, patronizing a prostitute and possession of a controlled substance.



2 November, 2013 - UPSTAIRS NEIGHBOR ATTEMPTS BURGLARY

At 2:24 PM, Officers Michael Hurley and Terrence McNeil were dispatched to investigate a burglary attempt at 162 Quinnipiac Avenue. There, they spoke with a 32 year old woman who resides there. She told them she heard her door handle jiggling. Thinking it was her boyfriend, she opened the door. She said she opened the door to find her upstairs neighbor trying to pry the door open with a coat hanger.

She said he fled upstairs "... with a startled facial expression". The Officers went to confront the suspect. Roger Weeks (10-16-1961) told them he had, in fact been at his neighbor's door. He said he was trying to "sweep the crevices and the floor". The Officers

recovered the coat hanger and arrested Weeks. He's been charged with criminal attempt to commit burglary in the third degree.

New Haven Police establish regional *COMP-STAT* & new forensic investigation program

New Haven, 31 October, 2013 – 3:00 PM | The New Haven Police Department is announcing two new initiatives.

The first is the development of regional COMP-STAT meetings for investigation units. Assistant Chief Achilles Generoso has announced that after several months of planning and a series of very productive meetings, a weekly teleconference of Detectives and investigators has begun. Representatives from Police Departments and law enforcement partners at the state and federal level will meet in such a manner to discuss ongoing regional cases and investigations that may cross municipal lines.

Chief Dean M. Esserman said, "I am grateful to my fellow Chiefs and their teams for their partnership".

The purpose of the forum is to share information regarding ongoing investigations as well as to learn best practices from one another. It is an expansion of the existing COMP-STAT meetings which focus on New Haven.

The second initiative involves the department's twenty new fingerprint technicians.

In July of this year, Chief Dean M. Esserman and Bureau of Identification supervisor, Sergeant Racheal Cain worked with the Police Union leadership to formulate a plan to greatly increase the number of trained fingerprint technicians.

The Officers who were selected underwent a comprehensive training program on the comparison and identification of latent prints and the procedure to process such evidence. These technicians will supplement the Bureau Detectives and respond to process property crime scenes.

"The increased number of technicians will increase the speed at which we process such evidence", said Sergeant Cain. "This quick response will certainly enhance the investigations".



WANTED

WARRANT SIGNED FOR KEY CLUB MURDER SUSPECT



DETECTIVES ARE LOOKING FOR **ADRIAN BENNETT**, AKA, "BREAD" (10-22-1985). HIS LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS 460 HOWARD AVENUE IN NEW HAVEN. HE IS TO BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

THE WARRANT CHARGES BENNETT WITH MURDER, FIVE (5) COUNTS OF ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE AND CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM. BAIL HAS BEEN SET AT \$3,000,000.00.

BENNETT IS A LIGHT COMPLEXIONED BLACK MAN. HE HAS SHORT RECEEDING HAIR AND BROWN EYES. HE STANDS 5'07' AND WEIGHS BETWEEN 180 AND 200 POUNDS.



DETECTIVE EXAM

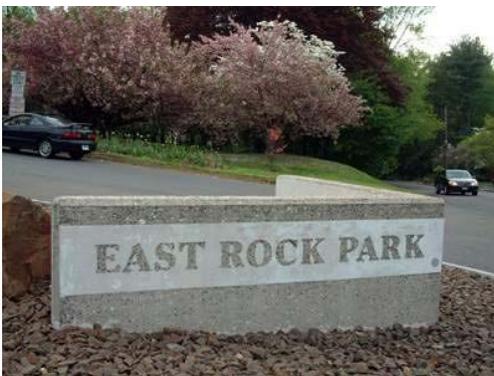
Notices mailed

Test Dates: November 16 & 17, 2013

All new applicants and those who did not confirm intent to participate last month must adhere to the November 12th, 5:00 PM deadline, if you intend to participate in the November test.

The mailed notices will indicate whether or not you need to confirm by the November 12th deadline.

East Rock Park closed to vehicle traffic until April 1, 2014



Officers will continue to open and close the park's north meadows lot. The access gate to the summit will remain closed and locked around the clock.

At closing, Officers will clear the vehicles from the lot.

Pedestrians, hikers and cyclists will still have access to the parks roadways and trails.



PEER SUPPORT

Officers interested in joining the department's Peer Support

Team are reminded the deadline to submit a memorandum indicating such interest is due by Friday, 8 November, 2013.

Contact: Sergeant Renee Forte at 203-946-7560 or rforte@newhavenct.net.

Special Order 13-3

Fingerprint Technicians

Any sworn member of this Department who has completed specialized training in the identification, collection and preservation of fingerprint evidence is authorized, as of this date, to perform those duties.



Special Attention Downtown

Recognized for its remarkable restaurants and culinary scene, New Haven will host the 11th installment of the popular bi-annual New Haven Restaurant Week presented by AT&T from November 3 – 8, 2013.

Restaurants participating in November's New Haven Restaurant Week include:

- 116 Crown (Bar, Kitchen & Cellar)
- Adriana's Restaurant & Wine Bar (Northern Italian)
- Anna Liffey's (Authentic Irish Cuisine)
- Barcelona Restaurant & Wine Bar (Spanish Wine Bar)
- Basta Trattoria (Southern Italian)
- Bentara (Spicy Malaysian), Briq (Table-Style Dining)
- Carmen Anthony Steakhouse (American Steakhouse)

- Caseus (Fromagerie & Bistro)
- Christopher Martins Restaurant (Modern American & Italian)
- Geronimo (Southwestern)
- Goodfellas Restaurant (Italian Cuisine)
- Heirloom (Coastal Farm)
- Ibiza (Creative Spanish)
- Istanbul Café (Authentic Turkish Cuisine)
- John Davenport's (Contemporary American)
- L'Orcio (Contemporary Italian)
- Miya's Sushi (Creative Sushi)
- Oaxaca Kitchen (Contemporary Mexican)
- Pacifico (Nuevo Latino)
- ROIA (French and Italian)
- Soul de Cuba Café (Cuban)
- Temple Grill (American)
- Thali (Regional Indian)
- The Cask Republic (Modern American)
- Tre Scalini Ristorante (Regional Italian)
- Union League Café (Parisian Style Brasserie)
- Zafra Cuban Restaurant & Rum Bar (Creative Cuban)
- Zaroka Bar & Restaurant (Traditional Indian)
- Zinc (Modern American).

For more information, please visit www.infonewhaven.com/restaurantweek, and be sure to follow the conversation surrounding New Haven Restaurant Week using the Twitter hashtag: #NHRW13.



Fit To Be Stripped

By *Paul Bass* | Nov 4, 2013 8:35 am

Paul Bass Photo

A group of tire thieves hit a new

neighborhood, as owners of two Hondas in Westville awoke Sunday to find all their wheels and tires missing.

Both overnight thefts took place on Central Avenue.

Both of the cars stripped of its wheels were Honda Fits (pictured). Thieves have done the same to about a dozen Honda Fits around town in recent weeks, mostly



in East Rock (as well as once in Fair Haven). Read about the wave [here](#).

The same group of thieves is believed to be responsible for all the swipes, according to Sgt. Robert Lawlor Jr., head of the city police department's robbery and burglary unit. He noted that the thefts are "an epidemic across the country." The group has also begun to branch out to new-model Accords, Lawlor said; it hit Westbrook Honda two weeks ago and stripped a 2014 Accord of its tires.

Why Honda Fits?

Two reasons, according to Lawlor.

One: The tires "fit perfectly on 1992-2000 Honda Accords and Civics," he said. People can buy those older cars for a couple of thousand dollars. The buyers are often in the market for new tires and rims. So this ring will "steal these tires and rims and sell them to people on the street for \$600, which is a good deal," Lawlor said.



Two: The Fit's rims are "made with a weird alloy. They're very light, which is good for street-racing."

Lawlor said his unit is actively investigating the ring of thieves. He asked anyone with information to call detectives at (203) 946-6304.

Meanwhile, police recommend that Honda owners buy lug-nut locks at an automotive repair shop to prevent thefts.

Special EVENTS

- 4 November, 2013 - **Concert**
9:30 PM, "Rohn Lawrence" at Toad's Place (3)
- 5 November, 2013 - **Community Management Team Meeting**
6:30 PM, *Dwight/ West River* at the Dwight School
- 5 November, 2013 - **Community Management Team Meeting**
7:00 PM, *Quinnipiac East* at the Ross Woodward School
- 5 November, 2013 - **Theater**
7:00 PM, "Steve Martin's *The Underpants*" at Long Wharf (6)
- 5 November, 2013 - **Theater**
8:00 PM, "*Owners*" at Yale Repertory Theater (4)

- 6 November, 2013 - **Theater**
2:00 PM, "*Steve Martin's The Underpants*" at Long Wharf (6)
- 6 November, 2013 - **Theater**
2:00 PM, "*Owners*" at Yale Repertory Theater (4)
- 6 November, 2013 - **Theater**
7:00 PM, "*Steve Martin's The Underpants*" at Long Wharf (6)
- 6 November, 2013 - **Theater**
8:00 PM, "*Owners*" at Yale Repertory Theater (4)
- 7 November, 2013 - **Police Department Meeting**
10:00 AM - *COMPSTAT* at police headquarters, 4th floor odium
- 7 November, 2013 - **Community Management Team Meeting**
7:00 PM, *Fair Haven* at the Police Department Sub-station
- 7 November, 2013 - **Theater**
8:00 PM, "*Steve Martin's The Underpants*" at Long Wharf (6)
- 7 November, 2013 - **Theater**
8:00 PM, "*Owners*" at Yale Repertory Theater (4)
- 8 November, 2013 - **College Athletics**
7:00 PM, *Yale Women's Ice Hockey* vs. Princeton at Ingalls Rink (8)
- 8 November, 2013 - **Concert**
8:00 PM, "*Elvis Costello*" at the Shubert Theater (2)
- 8 November, 2013 - **Theater**
8:00 PM, "*Steve Martin's The Underpants*" at Long Wharf (6)
- 8 November, 2013 - **Theater**
8:00 PM, "*Owners*" at Yale Repertory Theater (4)
- 9 November, 2013 - **Theater**
2:00 PM, "*Owners*" at Yale Repertory Theater (4)
- 9 November, 2013 - **Theater**
3:00 PM, "*Steve Martin's The Underpants*" at Long Wharf (6)
- 9 November, 2013 - **Theater**
8:00 PM, "*Owners*" at Yale Repertory Theater (4)
- 9 November, 2013 - **Theater**
8:00 PM, "*Steve Martin's The Underpants*" at Long Wharf (6)
- 9 November, 2013 - **College Athletics**
2:00 PM, *Yale Football* vs. Brown at the Yale Bowl (5)
- 9 November, 2013 - **College Athletics**
7:00 PM, *Yale Women's Ice Hockey* vs. QU at Ingalls Rink (8)
- 10 November, 2013 - **Theater**
2:00 PM, "*Steve Martin's The Underpants*" at Long Wharf (6)



HIGH CAPACITY VENUE INFORMATION

1. **Reese Stadium** is a Yale University athletic facility located at 75 Central Avenue, adjacent to The Yale Bowl. Its maximum seating capacity is 1,766.
2. **The Shubert Theater** is located at 247 College Street. Its maximum seating capacity is 1,591.
3. **Toad's Place** is located at 300 York Street. Its maximum occupant capacity is 956. (650 for the main hall, 205 for Lilly's Pad & 101 for the bar area)
4. **The Yale Repertory Theater** is located at 1120 Chapel Street. Its maximum seating capacity is 842.
5. **The Yale Bowl** is a Yale University athletic facility located at 81 Central Avenue (bordered by Central Avenue, Chapel Street, Yale Avenue & RT 34. There are outlying fields used for parking). The maximum seating capacity is 61,446 or 70,896 with field seating added.
6. **Long Wharf Theatre** is located at 222 Sargent Drive (in the rear of Food Terminal Plaza). Its combined seating capacity for the two theaters is 690. 487 are designated for the main stage.
7. **Jess Dow Field** is located on Wintergreen Avenue at Farnham Avenue (behind the Moore Field House). Its maximum seating capacity for football is 6,000.
8. **Ingalls Rink (The Yale Whale)** is located at 73 Sachem Street (at Prospect Street). Its maximum capacity (including standees) is 3,500.
9. **Payne Whitney Gymnasium** is located on Tower Parkway. Its event capacities vary depending on the venue.
10. **Yale Field** is located at 252 Derby Avenue in West Haven, CT. Its seating capacity is 12,000.
11. **Woolsey Hall** is located at College and Grove Streets. Its seating capacity is 2,695.
12. **Lyman Center** is located on the campus of Southern Connecticut State University at 501 Crescent Street. It has a 1,500 fixed seat main stage auditorium.
13. **The Omni Hotel** is located at 155 Temple Street in Downtown New Haven. It is a 19 story full service hotel with 306 guest rooms and full banquet and convention facilities.



High Capacity - This event is expected to draw a large number of people. Officers are advised to pay special attention to the venue area before, during and following the performance or event.



4 November, 1928 – One of New York's most notorious gamblers is shot to death

Arnold Rothstein, [New York's](#) most notorious gambler, is shot and killed during a poker game at the Park Central Hotel in Manhattan. After finding Rothstein bleeding profusely at the service entrance of the hotel, police followed his trail of blood back to a suite where a group of men were playing cards. Reportedly, Rothstein had nothing good in his final hand.

From an early age, Rothstein had a talent for playing numbers. As a teenager, he built a small fortune gambling in craps and poker games, and by age 20 he owned and operated his own casino. Rothstein became a legendary figure in New York because of his unparalleled winning streak in bets and card games. However, it is believed that he usually won by fixing the events. The most famous instance of this was in 1919 when the World Series was fixed. Abe Attell, a friend and employee of Rothstein, paid some of the key players on the [Chicago](#) White Sox to throw the games. When the scandal was uncovered, Rothstein

fiercely denied any involvement to a grand jury and escaped indictment. In private, however, Rothstein never denied his role, preferring to enjoy the outlaw image.

In the 1920's, Rothstein began purchasing nightclubs, racehorses, and brothels. He had such a formidable presence in the criminal underworld that he was reportedly once paid half a million dollars to mediate a gang war. As Rothstein's fortune grew to an estimated \$50 million, he became a high-level loan shark, liberally padding the pockets of police and judges to evade the law. He is fabled to have carried around \$200,000 in pocket money at all times.

Rothstein's luck finally ran out in 1928 when he encountered an unprecedented losing streak. At a poker game in September with "Hump" McManus, "Nigger Nate" Raymond, and "Titanic" Thompson, Rothstein lost a cool \$320,000 and then refused to pay on the grounds that the game had been rigged. Two months later, McManus invited Rothstein to play what would be his final poker game.



Asked who had shot him before dying, Rothstein reportedly put his finger to his lips, keeping the gangsters' code of silence. McManus was later tried and acquitted of the crime.



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