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07/16/11 UPDATE
STATE POLICE INVESTIGATE POLICE SHOOTING

Southington PD conducted a criminal investigation and obtained an arrest warrant from Hartford Superior Court for the suspect in this case. The warrant was issued for the suspect identified as Gothberg, Eric (06/22/66) of 1309 East Street Southington, CT for the charge of Possession of Child Porn 3rd degree, with a court set bond of \$500,000.00. Southington PD developed information and it was believed that accused Gothberg might be at the Loew's Theatre located at 220 New Britain Ave. Plainville.

During the course of the evening and into the early morning hours Southington PD and Plainville PD were attempting to locate the suspect.

At approx. 02:16 a.m. the suspect was observed walking toward his vehicle in the rear parking lot of the theater. Upon officer's attempting to place him under arrest it was described that the accused made a furtive movement toward his pants waist line at which time officers began to fire their duty service weapon in the direction of the accused. Other responding Plainville Officers were arriving at approximately the same time and one officer was struck in the forearm while still a passenger in the vehicle. A second officer was injured by glass that was embedded in his arm from round that was fired through the windshield of vehicle. In addition the suspect was shot once in his foot causing a non-life threatening injury. Injured officers are identified as: Officer Clifford J. Roper (Forearm) and Officer David Slater (injured from glass). Roper and Slater were treated and released from St. Francis Hospital, Hartford and the accused is treated at Hartford Hospital. Southington PD has placed the accused under arrest for the original charge on warrant. The officers that were identified as firing rounds were: Sgt. Timothy Mullaney and Corporal Jon Eno both Plainville PD officers who were reportedly not injured. Investigation is continuing

At the request of the Chief of Plainville Police Department and the New Britain State's Attorney's Office this investigation will be conducted by the State Police Central District Major Crime Squad.

The State Police Investigation is continuing. Anyone who may have observed this incident at the Lowe's Theater is asked to contact State Police Troop H. Hartford or PlainvillePolice .

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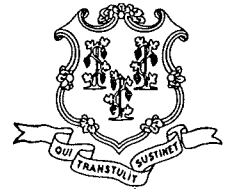
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At approximately 2:16 p.m.the suspect Gothberg was observed by Plainville Officers exiting the Plainville theatre and approaching a vehicle. Two Plainville Officers approached the suspect attempted to take him into custody. The suspect began to enter the car, did not comply with the officers directions, and made sudden movements that caused the officers to discharge their service weapons at the suspect just as two back up officers approached the scene. During the course of shooting, the suspect was wounded in the foot, one Plainville Officer was shot in the arm and one Plainville Officer suffered injury from glass fragments. All injuries are non life threatening. The suspect was transported to Hartford Hospital for treatment, the officers were transported to St. Francis Hospital for treatment.

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