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PRESS RELEASE

The Office of Inspector General together with the Connecticut State Police Central District Major Crime Squad, Hartford Police Department, and the Hartford Judicial District State's Attorney's Office are investigating an officer-involved shooting that occurred in Hartford on November 30, 2024, at the intersection of Broad Street and West Preston Street.

On November 30, 2024, at approximately 8:15 p.m., Hartford police officers responded to a disturbance at 730 Maple Avenue. One of the persons involved was reported to have displayed a firearm. That person, identified as Alexander Garay, a Hispanic male, age 48, fled the scene. Members of the Hartford Police Department Street Crime Unit observed and followed a vehicle leaving the site of disturbance, which Garay was driving. Garay crashed his car at the intersection of Broad Street and West Preston Street. Officer Gabrielle Arruda and Officer Elvis Martinez approached the car and ordered Garay to show his hands. Garay ignored these commands. A Taser deployment was unsuccessful. When Officer Arruda saw Garay in possession of a firearm, she ordered him to drop the weapon. When he failed to do so, she fired her weapon twice, striking Garay. Hartford police administered medical aid to Garay who was taken to Hartford Hospital. At present, he is listed in critical but stable condition.

Police recovered a loaded Taurus Arms 9mm pistol near Garay when he was removed from the car.

To view a portion of Officer Arruda's body-worn camera, click [here](#).

Hartford police are seeking an arrest warrant for Garay for firearms and related charges.

The investigation is continuing.