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Date of Release: 06/08/05

Case Number: DPS-05-012433

Date of Incident: Jan-Feb 2005

Place of Incident: Easton Police Department
700 Morehouse Road Easton, CT.

Crimes: Eavesdropping 53a-189
Conspiracy to Commit Eavesdropping 53a-48/53a-189
Tampering with a Witness 53a-151

Accused: Joseph Mason D.O.B. 05/04/1976
700 Morehouse Road Easton, CT.

During February of 2005, Chief John Solomon formally requested the Connecticut State Police to initiate a criminal investigation into possible eavesdropping at the Easton Police Department.

On June 08, 2005, Detectives of the Central District Major Crime Squad at Troop I in Bethany made an arrest as a result of a lengthy criminal investigation involving the accused on the charges of Eavesdropping, Conspiracy and Tampering with a Witness. The accused has been identified as Officer Joseph Mason of the Easton Police Department who has been a Police Officer in Easton for approximately 18 months. It is alleged that the accused had been involved in the illegal recording of private conversations at the Easton Police Department facility.

The accused was arrested and processed at Troop I in Bethany and was released on a \$10,000.00 non-surety bond. The accused is scheduled to appear in Superior Court in Bridgeport on 06/22/05.

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