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UPDATE

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SERIOUS INJURY SHOOTING INCIDENT

On 03/07/05 shortly after 3:00 p.m. State Police received a 911 call reporting that a 13 year old boy had been accidentally shot in a bedroom at the IANNOTTI residence 40 Old Washington Trail in Durham, CT. State Police and EMS personnel responded to the home. Emergency care was provided at the scene to the shooting victim RYAN RUSSELL. Lifestar Helicopter took RUSSELL to Yale New Haven Hospital in serious condition.

The responding State Police Troopers secured the entire scene. Witnesses were interviewed and two weapons were recovered at the scene. The State Police Central District Major Crime Squad responded to the scene to initiate an investigation into this shooting incident.

Initial investigation by State Police Detectives revealed that the two handguns were stored in the personal belongings of a deceased family member who had lived at the residence. The IANNOTTI family was not aware that the handguns were in the home. One of the weapons was in the hands of JASON IANNOTTI when it accidentally discharged.

At this point of the investigation it appears that there is no criminal aspect in this case. The case remains under investigation by State Police.

The Connecticut General statute section 29-37i & 53a-217a require that weapons be stored to prevent minors from gaining access to them. Weapons must be stored in a securely locked box or container.

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