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OFF-DUTY POLICE OFFICER INJURED

On 05/27/2004 at approximately 10:45 p.m. an off duty Windsor Locks Police officer was injured as he attempted to prevent a suspect drunk driver from re-entering the road from a restaurant parking lot. The Officer was in his private car driving to work when he observed a car operating in a reckless manner and in a manner that led the officer to believe that the driver could be under the influence of alcohol. The vehicle drove into a the Burger King Restaurant drive up window at 140 Bridge Street in East Windsor.

The off-duty police officer parked his private car in the restaurant parking lot and the officer identified himself as an officer as he attempted to approach the suspected drunk driver. The driver drove directly at the officer hitting him with the car. The officer drew his service weapon and shot at the vehicle. The vehicle fled the parking lot onto Rt. 140.

The Windsor Locks Officer was transported to Hartford Hospital Emergency room where he was treated and released.

The Connecticut State Police Major Crime Squad initiated a criminal investigation into this incident. State Police Detectives located the involved vehicle and have identified the operator. The investigation is continuing.

The Police Officer is identified as Windsor Locks Officer Andrew Dzierzowski.

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