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POLICE SHOOTING OLD SAYBROOK

Today 05/03/05 the Old Saybrook Police Department received a complaint regarding a guest at the Knights Inn. The guest was refusing to check out of the hotel as required. Old Saybrook Police Officers responded to the location and obtained a complaint from the manager. The Officers then confronted the suspect in a second floor hotel room. The officers obtained the suspect's identification and determined the suspect was wanted by the New London Police department.

As the Officer were preparing to take the suspect into custody the suspect drew a weapon and began to fire at the Old Saybrook Officer. The Officers attempted to retreat for cover and the suspect exited the hotel room continuing to fire at the officers. The Old Saybrook Officers discharged their service weapons toward the suspect and called for assistance.

At 12:22 p.m. State Police Troop-F received the call for assistance from Old Saybrook Police. Several State Troopers responded to the scene. The wounded suspect was located outside the hotel near the stairway. The suspect was taken into custody. The suspect's weapon was seized and emergency care was provided to the suspect and two Old Saybrook Officers who were wounded.

Both Old Saybrook Officers were transported via ambulance to Yale New Haven Hospital Emergency Room. Their injuries are reported to be non-life threatening. The suspect was transported via Lifestar helicopter to Hartford Hospital. The suspect is reported to be in serious condition.

Old Saybrook Police secured the scene. At the request of the Old Saybrook Police Chief, and the Middletown States Attorney Office, the State Police Central District Major Crime Squad was assigned to conduct the investigation into this shooting incident being assisted by the Old Saybrook Police Department.

The identities of the Old Saybrook Police Officers involved in this shooting is being withheld at this time. The suspect's identity is also being withheld pending the notification of family members.

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