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## UPDATE

### **POLICE SHOOTING OLD SAYBROOK**

On 05/04/05 both wounded Old Saybrook Police Officers were admitted Yale New Haven Hospital for treatment of their wounds. The officers are identified as--Old Saybrook Detective Sgt. Eugene Heiney a 27-year veteran of the department appointed 8/6/77 and Old Saybrook Officer William Bergantino a 7-year veteran appointed on 9/26/97. Both Police Officers are being treated for gunshot wounds suffered in this incident.

Today 05/04/05 the Connecticut State Police will formally charge the accused HARRIS at Hartford Hospital. The accused will remain under State Police guard at the hospital until he is released at which time he will be arraigned in Middletown Superior court.

**ACCUSED:** HARRIS, Michael DOB: 11/16/55

416 Bank St

New London, CT.

**CHARGES:** Attempted Murder (2counts)

Assault 1<sup>st</sup> (2counts)

Assault on Police Officer (2counts)

Possession of Firearm without a permit

Possession of a firearm by a convicted felon

The accused is being held on \$1,000,000 bond and is scheduled to be arraigned in Middletown Superior Court on 5/10/05

The State Police investigation into the shooting is continuing.

###END###

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