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(Westport, CT) At approximately 11:00am this morning, Officer Taylor Field attempted to stop a vehicle in the area of 35 Bridge Street. During the course of the stop, the operator was asked to exit the vehicle. At that time, he ran from the officers on foot. Officer Field gave chase and observed the suspect drop a firearm as he fled. Officer Field stopped to secure the firearm due to its proximity to an apartment complex. Officers immediately established a perimeter in the area and alerted residents via the Code Red system. The alert advised residents that police were searching for a possibly armed suspect in the area and to remain in their homes. A suspect description was provided and residents were asked to contact the police department should they see the suspect.

A K-9 unit was requested to the scene to conduct a track, which led officers through backyards of the neighborhood. Additional units and K-9 teams from surrounding towns were brought in to assist with the search. At almost noon, officers located the suspect in the shed of a backyard of a Keyser Road home. During his capture, the suspect sustained wounds from the K-9. He is being treated at the hospital for minor injuries.

Due to the immediate response, recovery of the firearm and the subsequent capture of the suspect, there is no longer a safety threat to the community. Detectives are



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investigating the identity of the suspect and his reason for fleeing. Additional information will be forthcoming as the incident continues to be investigated.

The Westport Police Department would like to thank the Fairfield and Norwalk Police Departments for their quick response and assistance.

*****UPDATE*****

The suspect was identified as Dahonta J. Robert-Hilliard, 27, of Bridgeport, CT. Robert-Hilliard was charged with Carrying a Pistol or Revolver without a Permit, Weapons in a Motor Vehicle, Burglary 3rd, Interfering with an Officer and Criminal Possession of a Pistol or Revolver. He was additionally charged with the following motor vehicle violations: Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Misuse of Plates, Improper Display of Marker Plate and Operating a Motor Vehicle Under Suspension. Robert-Hilliard is being held on \$250,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in Norwalk Superior Court on October 24th. The origin of the firearm remains under investigation.

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Lieutenant Jillian Cabana

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