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Press Release

Rocky Hill Police make arrest in Hampton Inn Hotel Robbery.

Rocky Hill, April 5, 2007

- On Friday February 23, 2007 at 11:06 pm, the Rocky Hill Police Department received the report of an armed robbery at the Hampton Inn Hotel, located at 20 Water Chase Drive. The Hampton Inn is located in the northeast corner of Rocky Hill by the Wethersfield Town Line and Exit 24 of Interstate 91.
- It was reported that a lone black male, approximately five feet five inches tall, wearing all black clothing, entered the hotel through the front door, vaulted the front desk and demanded money from the desk clerk. The suspect was armed with a silver or gray colored handgun and fled in an easterly direction through the parking lot with an undetermined amount of cash. A search of the area at that time by officers and a Rocky Hill Police K-9 proved negative.
- A video tape of the robbery was released to the media during the course of this investigation. The video tape was circulated throughout the region and shared with local law enforcement agencies. As a result of this exposure, and through the cooperation of the Glastonbury Police Department, a suspect in this case was developed and identified as the person responsible for this robbery.
- As a result of their investigative efforts, Rocky Hill Police Detectives applied for and were granted a search warrant for the suspects known address and ultimately for him, as a suspect in the commission of this crime. On Thursday April 5, 2007 at 8:48 am the arrest warrant for this suspect was served.
- Under arrest and presently being held on a \$100,000.00 court set bond is 28 year old Sylvanus Cooper of Hartford, Connecticut. Cooper is charged with Robbery 1st Degree, Criminal use of a Firearm and Larceny in the 5th Degree. Cooper will appear at Superior Court 15 in New Britain today, April 5, 2007 at 10:00 am.

Lieutenant Robert Catania

Public Information Officer

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