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## News Release

## Westport Police Investigate Shots Fired Requesting Public Assistance

## **UPDATE WITH AN ARREST:**

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, a 17-year-old juvenile from Stratford was arrested at Manson Youth Institute for the July 11<sup>th</sup> shots fired incident in Saugatuck. The youth is currently incarcerated at Manson following a previous arrest by another agency. The arrest came after a lengthy investigation by the Detective Bureau involving multiple interviews and search warrants. The teen was charged with:

- Unlawful Discharge of a Firearm
- Conspiracy to Commit Unlawful Discharge of a Firearm
- Reckless Endangerment 1st
- Conspiracy to Commit Reckless Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup>
- Breach of Peace
- Conspiracy to Commit Breach of Peace.

He is scheduled to appear in Bridgeport Juvenile Court on October 13<sup>th</sup>. We anticipate additional arrests.

(Westport, CT) On Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at approximately 9:48 PM the Fairfield County Regional Dispatch Center (FCRDC) began receiving 911 calls reporting shots fired in the area of Saugatuck Avenue and Franklin Street. Patrol units were dispatched and immediately responded to the area. The initial investigation led to witnesses reporting a non-descript white vehicle traveling north on Franklin Street, north on Saugatuck Avenue, and turning west on Sunrise Road. Witnesses reported hearing multiple shots being fired from the vehicle as it turned up Sunrise Road. A perimeter was established and Sunrise Road was closed to all through traffic between Indian Hill Road and Saugatuck Avenue. As the Westport Police continue with this investigation, we ask anyone who lives in the area to review surveillance cameras and report suspicious activity that they may have captured to the Westport Detective Bureau at (203)341-6080, our tip line (203)520-3831, or Detective John Lauria (dlauria@westportct.gov).

-END -FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – 07/12/2023 **Lieutenant Eric Woods 203.341.6009**