



# TOWN OF GROTON

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### **Groton Police Officers arrest armed robbery suspect**

On 08/25/15 at approximately 0410 hours, members of the Groton Town Police Department responded to the Dunkin Doughnuts located at 1064 Poquonnock Rd., Groton, CT., for a report of an armed robbery. After an intense investigation, Detectives and Officers arrested the following individual.

Arrested: Melvin Hooks Jr. Age: 29  
130 Branford Ave., Groton, CT.

Charges : Robbery 1st Degree 53a-134  
Larceny 6th Degree 53a-125b  
Criminal Use of Firearm 53a-217  
Criminal Possession of a Firearm 53a-216

Responding Officers discovered that a male had approached the employees as they were preparing to open, and after displaying a hand gun, demanded money. The suspect fled the business with an undisclosed amount of cash. Witnesses were able to provide the responding officers with a description and direction of flight.

A short time later, City Officers observed a male matching the description in the area of Thomas Rd and Shennecossett Rd. When they attempted to make contact with him, the male fled. Officers from the City Police, Town Police, and the Connecticut State Police set up a perimeter and began a systematic search for the male, during which they located evidence from the robbery.

The investigation led Detectives and Officers to 130 Branford Ave., where they located Hooks. Hooks was taken into custody. The stolen money was recovered as well as the gun that was used in the robbery.

Hooks is being held on \$250,000.00 bond and will be presented later today at GA-10, in New London.

LT. John Varone stated, *"This investigation was a combined effort involving the Groton Town Police, Groton City Police, and the Connecticut State Police. Effective interagency communication of the suspect description, keen alertness by Officers and Troopers, and the exceptional working relationship between the agencies, led to the swift and effective resolution of this crime of violence."*

This is an on-going investigation, and we request anyone with information about this incident to contact Det. Donald Rankin or Officer Marvel Bennett at 860-441-6712.

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