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PRESS RELEASE

The Office of Inspector General together with the Connecticut State Police Western District Major Crime Squad, Hartford Police Department, and the Hartford Judicial District State's Attorney's Office are investigating an officer-involved shooting that occurred in Hartford on April 27, 2024, at 474 Wethersfield Avenue.

On April 27, 2024, at approximately 12:13 a.m., Hartford Police Officer Devanand Budhoo was dispatched to Wethersfield Avenue on a report of a hit-and-run motor vehicle accident. While speaking with the damaged vehicle's owner, Officer Budhoo heard gunshots that appeared to be coming from the house across the street at 474 Wethersfield Avenue. Officer Budhoo saw a person, later identified as Jimmy Muriel, age 30 of Hartford, run from the front door of that house followed by a second person, later identified as Luis Ortiz, age 34 of Hartford, who was firing shots in the direction of Muriel. Officer Budhoo returned fire. No one was hit.

To review a portion of Officer Budhoo's body-worn camera recording, click [here](#).

Hartford police arrested Ortiz on charges of Criminal Possession of a Firearm and related charges.

The officer-involved shooting investigation is continuing.