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PRESS RELEASE

The Office of Inspector General together with the Connecticut State Police Western District Major Crime Squad, Bristol Police Department, Farmington Police Department, and Hartford Police Department are investigating an officer-involved shooting incident that occurred in Bristol yesterday afternoon.

On January 12, 2023, Bristol police officers were investigating a report of a knifepoint carjacking of a Toyota that occurred in Farmington. The subject in the Farmington carjacking had earlier carjacked another car in Hartford. Bristol officers located the stolen Toyota in the area of Quaker Lane, Bristol. The operator of the stolen car, Jimmie Gonzalez, abandoned the car and fled on foot. Police pursued. During the foot chase, Gonzalez ran to and entered a Bristol police vehicle, and started to drive away.

At approximately 12:31 p.m., Bristol Police Officer Seth Petzing fired multiple shots at the fleeing vehicle. At least one shot struck Gonzalez in the leg. Gonzalez drove away from the area and proceeded for a distance of approximately two and one half miles before crashing the police car into Palma's Diner on Stafford Avenue, Bristol.

To view a body-worn camera recording of the shooting, click [here](#).

The investigation is continuing.