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Public Information Release

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Case #12-6056

ROBBERY/HOMICIDE

On June 27, 2012, at about 1:30 a.m., Meriden police officers were dispatched to 271 E. Main St. (Citgo gas station/convenience store) for a report that the clerk had just been robbed and shot.

Upon arrival, officers found the male clerk with serious injuries. He was transported to Midstate Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

A witness was inside the store at the time of the robbery. He told officers that a male entered the store brandishing a handgun. The suspect demanded money from the clerk, and once he received the money he shot the clerk in the chest and ran out of the store.

The suspect is described as a white male, 5'9"-5'10", with a husky build. He is 28-30 years old and has clean cut, dark hair. He is also described to have "bulging eyes." He was wearing a gray T-shirt with lettering on it, black shorts, and sneakers.

It is believed the suspect left on foot.

The victim is not being identified at this time to allow for family notification.

At this point, detectives are securing a search warrant for the store. They are also in the process of looking for video from surveillance cameras. Should any video be forthcoming, it will most likely be forwarded to the media in order to gain public assistance.

Any one with information regarding the incident is asked to call Det. Benoit at 203-630-6297.