

**Meriden Police Department  
Press Relations Unit  
50 West Main Street  
203-630-6344**

**Date: September 25, 2012**

**Time: 4:29 P.M.**

**Location: 14 Maple Branch 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Incident: Shooting Victim**

**On September 25, 2012 at approximately 4:29 P. M. the Meriden Police Department received a 911 call from 14 Maple Branch 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The caller indicated that a male there had been shot in the neck. When officers arrived they found the victim inside of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartment as well as numerous other parties inside. The male victim, whose name and age is not being released at this time, was transported to Midstate Medical Center and then eventually transported via LifeStar to Hartford Hospital.**

**Early investigation has determined that all of the parties, who had been inside of the apartment together, appear to have been playing video games. At that time, a shotgun was present and early indications seem to be that the parties believed the gun to be unloaded. As another male in the apartment was handling the gun, it discharged and struck the victim in the area of the neck. The name and age of this male is also not being released at this time nor are the identities and/or ages of the others inside of the apartment.**

**The investigation is ongoing and our detectives will be following up with everyone in order to determine the series of events that led up to the discharge of the shotgun. At the time of this release, the medical condition of the victim is unknown. When further details become available, additional information will be released; however, there will be no further details released tonight.**

**Sergeant Darrin McKay  
Time of Release: 6:15 P.M.  
September 25, 2012**