



PEDRO E. SEGARRA
MAYOR

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Dannel P. Malloy
Governor
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Governor Malloy:

For several years the City of Hartford (the "City") has successfully reduced the number of violent crimes in Connecticut's Capital City by diligently applying our methodology that includes patrol and community policing models. The City has long standing partnerships with the Chief State Attorney's Office, State Police, Probation and Parole. In addition we collaborate with the Federal partners to further our efforts in providing a safe environment for our residents, businesses and visitors.

The Shooting Task Force originally implemented by the Chief State Attorney's Office has successfully reduced violent crimes during the past five years by responding to shots fired complaints, investigating less lethal gun assaults and pursuing firearm seizures and arrests. Since 2011, the personnel assigned to the City's Shooting Task Force has declined by two thirds.

However, not unlike Connecticut's other population centers; Hartford receives a disproportionately high number of individuals seeking government services including those on Probation and Parole. In addition, this year's increase in violent crimes in Hartford is a regional issue as we have experienced suspects and defendants that reside in East Hartford, Bloomfield and Windsor – crime does not stop at the town lines. As such, I am endeavoring to achieve a regional approach requesting the neighboring towns to assign one of their detectives to expand our Shooting Task Force's effectiveness in the region.

I am requesting that you assign the following State resources to assist in our efforts:

1. Three (3) additional investigative Detectives from the Connecticut State Police (one currently);
2. Three (3) additional Inspectors from the Chief State Attorney's Office (one currently);
3. Increase the current part-time Probation staff to full-time; and
4. Increase the current part-time Parole staff to full-time.

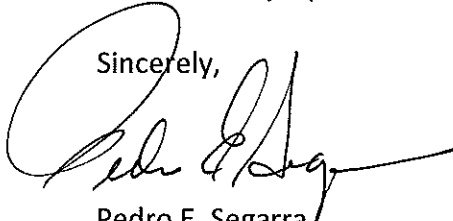
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The above request will not return the Shooting Task Force staffing resources to the 2011 level; however, it will increase our ability to be more proactive and effective in addressing the increased number of violent crimes during the first six months of calendar year 2015.

This is literally a public safety issue and I respectfully ask for an expedited response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pedro E. Segarra', with a large, stylized initial 'P' and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Pedro E. Segarra
Mayor