



# *City of Middletown Connecticut Middletown Police Department*



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## **PRESS RELEASE – SHOOTING INCIDENT**

On Tuesday February 22, 2022 at approximately 9:20am the Middletown Police Department received a call of a shooting incident in the area of Main Street and Liberty Street. The caller alleged that a white male had been shot in the head.

When officers arrived on scene, they confirmed that the alleged victim had not been shot. According to witnesses, 31-year-old Matthew Riley had been in a physical altercation with an unknown black male. During the fight, the unknown male raised a black revolver as if trying to scare Riley. Riley reached for the gun but the unknown male pulled it back away from him. During the struggle for the weapon, the firearm discharged in a northerly direction but no one was injured. Riley was allegedly “pistol whipped” during the fight and sustained minor injuries. He has already been treated and released from the hospital.

The unknown suspect was described as a black male in his late 20’s or early 30’s wearing a black mask and black hooded sweatshirt. He was last seen traveling west on Liberty Street headed toward Pearl Street.

This case is currently under investigation. Anyone who can identify the subject below or has information on his identity is encouraged to contact the Middletown Police Major Investigations Unit at 860-638-4140.

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