



MIDDLETOWN POLICE SHOOTING ARRESTS



Marion Nesmith-Ortiz



Damajh Privott

On November 03, 2021, what was later determined to be a gang related drive-by shooting occurred in the area of lower Washington Street by its intersection with Melilli Plaza. An adult female driver of one vehicle was struck multiple times by shots fired from a passing vehicle. The female driver was injured but survived. The female driver's boyfriend, Zahrod Jackson, who was previously arrested by this agency for being in possession of a firearm during this incident, was a passenger in her vehicle and was believed to be the intended target. Through an extensive partnered investigation between the Middletown Police Major Investigations Unit and Street Crime Unit, Marion Nesmith-Ortiz (18 years old) of Meriden and Damajh Privott (22 years old) of Middletown were developed as suspects and ultimately arrested for being conspirators in the shooting. The Middletown Police Department also worked closely with the Meriden Police Department who assisted by taking Nesmith-Ortiz and Privott into custody. Privott was charged with ASSAULT 1ST, CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ASSAULT 1ST, COMMISSION OF AN A, B, OR C FELONY WITH A FIREARM, WEAPON IN VEHICLE, and UNLAWFUL DISCHARGE OF FIREARM and held on a \$1,000,000 surety bond. Nesmith-Ortiz was charged with CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ASSAULT 1ST, COMMISSION OF AN A, B, OR C FELONY WITH A FIREARM, WEAPON IN VEHICLE, and AIDING IN THE COMMISSION OF ASSAULT 1ST and held on a \$500,000 surety bond.

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