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Re: City Council Order No. 7, dated October 17, 2011

Dear Sir:

As requested I am responding to the above Council Order asking to report on gun shots incident at Bristol and Hampshire Streets.

On October 12, 2011 at approximately 3:30 p.m., the Cambridge Police were dispatched to Bristol Street on a report of gun shots. Information was received that a person on foot and persons in a vehicle were involved. The first officers arrived on scene within less than a minute of the dispatch being made. At that point the scene was secured and an immediate search of the area was conducted. Several minutes later a team of detectives had arrived and began to canvass the neighborhood and go door to door. Identification Unit personnel also responded and began a search for evidence. Two shell casings were recovered and forwarded to the State Police ballistics lab for processing.

During the course of the investigation a number of leads were developed which included a description of the vehicle and the persons who were involved in the incident. Within days of the incident, the vehicle used in this incident was located at an auto body shop in another city. It was a rental vehicle that had been put in the shop to repair damage to what appeared to be a bullet hole. This vehicle was towed to the police evidence bay and a search of the vehicle was done. Recovered from inside the door panel was a projectile believed to be evidence from the incident. This evidence was also forwarded to the State Police ballistics lab.

This investigation has determined that this incident was not a random event. It appears to be a chance encounter involving persons who were known to each other and happened to be in the neighborhood when the incident took place. Investigators have identified the person who rented the vehicle and at this juncture of the investigation, the investigators believe they know the identity of the persons who were in the vehicle at the time of the incident. These individuals do not reside in the city. This case is still a very active investigation and detectives are pursuing a number of leads and working closely with other police agencies.

In response to this incident the police department has shifted a number of patrol resources to this area and increased undercover surveillance in the surrounding streets. It is hoped that the increased police presence will alleviate some of the concerns of the neighborhood and put officers in a position to closely monitor future activity.

Members of the department also met with community members to brief them on the circumstances of the incident, and what was known at the time of the community meeting.

If you have any additional concerns or questions, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert C. Haas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert C. Haas  
Police Commissioner

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