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Press Release

To: Area media outlets

From: Hampton Police Department

Re: Benjamin Hawthorne arrest for Domestic Violence

The Hampton Police Department has arrested and charged a Hampton man for several felony and misdemeanor charges related to a domestic violence assault that occurred on June 16, 2016.

Police responded to a residence on Ashworth Avenue for a report of a physical domestic assault. When the officers arrived at the location, they made contact with a female resident whom they later identified as the victim of the alleged assault. Officers also made contact with Benjamin Hawthorne, 31, of Hampton, the victim's husband. After investigating the incident, officers arrested and charged Hawthorne for offenses related to domestic assault against his wife. Police charged Hawthorne with two felony level offenses of Second Degree Assault, a felony level offense of False Imprisonment, and three misdemeanor charges alleging Domestic Assault and Using Force or Threats to Prevent the Report of Injury or Crime. Hawthorne was later transported to the Rockingham County Jail on a no bail status.

Hawthorne, who is also on parole out of the State of New Hampshire, was arraigned on these charges in the 10th Circuit Seabrook District Court by way of video later that same morning. Hawthorne waived his probable cause hearing on June 21, 2016 and his case will now be transferred to the Rockingham County Attorney's Office for review and prosecution. He was ordered held on \$2,500 cash only bail.

Anyone with information on this incident or any other incidents occurring in the Town of Hampton is urged to contact the Hampton Police Department at 603-929-4444. Anonymous tips can be made through the Crimeline for the Hamptons at <https://www.tipsubmit.com> and selecting **Hamptons** as the region or by texting to the word CRIMES (274637) with the keyword **Hamptons**.

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