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Press Release

To: Area media outlets

From: Hampton Police Department

Re: Civil Disturbance at Hampton Beach

On May 25th the Hampton Police Department responded to a large fight at the Hampton Beach Pavilion at 1836 hours. Police discovered a group fighting and were able to identify the aggressor as Julian Cruz, 18 years old, from Manchester, NH. Mr Cruz was tased during the course of the arrest and he was charged with Disorderly Conduct and Resisting Arrest. As the officer was taking Mr. Cruz into custody a large group of approximately 300 people quickly surrounded the officer and began chanting at the officer. Cruz was released on Personal Recognizance bail and is scheduled for arraignment on July 12th at the 10th Circuit District Court in Seabrook.

There were a number of large groups that remained in the area following this disturbance and Police were forced to respond again to the Pavilion area for a potential riot. Hundreds of people remained in the area and several fights broke out while some demonstrators threw objects at the police. The Hampton Police sought the assistance of the New Hampshire State Police and the Seabrook Police Department to help clear these groups from the area. One Hampton Officer was transported by Hampton Fire to Portsmouth Hospital with minor injuries.

With the warm weather upon us for the holiday weekend the Hampton Police took proactive measures throughout the weekend to address these crowds that continued to gather. Steps taken included bringing in extra staff from the Hampton Police Department, and requesting additional staff from the New Hampshire State Police, UNH Police Department, and the Rockingham County Sheriffs Department.

With the assistance of these agencies Police made several sweeps of the beach area removing people on the beach with open containers of alcohol as well as disorderly groups. Public Service announcements were made to beach goers warning them that they would be subject to arrest if they were found in possession of alcohol. The Hampton Police Department will not tolerate this type of behavior and violators will be strictly prosecuted.

Anyone with information on 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

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