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Press Release

To: Area media outlets

From: Hampton Police Department

Re: Robbery and Theft From Motor Vehicle Arrest

HAMPTON, NH- The Hampton Police Department has arrested and charged two men on a number of charges stemming from a robbery at a gas station on Lafayette Road in Hampton that occurred in the early morning hours. On February 4, 2021 at approximately 2:03am, the Hampton Police Department was contacted by employees of the Speedway gas station located on Lafayette Road in Hampton to report a group of people who had just stolen alcohol from the store. Officers were in the area and responded quickly to the location. Upon further investigation, officers learned that a struggle ensued between the clerk and one of the suspects while in the parking lot of the store. That suspect was later identified as:

**CAMERON AYERS, 19
North Hampton, NH**

It was alleged that during the scuffle and in the course of perpetrating the theft, Mr. Ayers pulled out what the clerk believed to be a handgun. In response to the perceived threat, the clerk withdrew from the scuffle and produced a firearm that he had on his person. The clerk fired a single round at the vehicle. The subjects exited the vehicle and fled the area on foot. A description of the subjects were put out to area officers.

Officers from North Hampton, Seabrook, and NH State Police responded to assist with the search.

At approximately 2:42am, the Hampton Police Department received a call from a resident on Towle Ave who was reporting that there were two males in her driveway that were allegedly going through vehicles. Officers responded to the area and upon arrival, the two subjects ran from the first responding officer. The officer caught up to, and took one of the males into custody. That male was identified as Mr. Ayers. Officers alleged that Mr. Ayers was in possession of drug paraphernalia, items that were taken from a vehicle on Towle Ave., and tools commonly used to perpetrate break-ins.

Officers continued to check the area for additional subjects. Another citizen called the police department to report the second male still walking in the area. A NH State Police

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K-9 unit located the second subject in a back yard off of Academy Avenue and took him into custody. The subject was identified as:

**JAMES DUSTIN, 18
Hampton, NH**

Cameron Ayers was charged with a Class B Felony charge of Robbery, Resisting Arrest or Detention, Unlawful Possession of Alcohol, Theft from a Motor Vehicle, Possession of Burglary Tools, and Loitering and Prowling. He was held on No Bail Status and will be arraigned at the Rockingham County Superior Court on February 4, 2021 at 1:00pm

James Dustin was charge with two counts of Loitering and Prowling, Unlawful Possession of Alcohol, Resisting Arrest or Detention, and Criminal Trespass. Additionally, Mr. Dustin was wanted on a warrant out of the Hampton Police Department alleging Criminal Trespass from a 2020 incident and was processed on that warrant. Mr. Dustin is also on probation, and a Probation Detainer was placed on him. He will be arraigned at the Hampton District Court on February 4, 2021 at 11:00am.

This investigation is on-going and additional charges may be forthcoming.

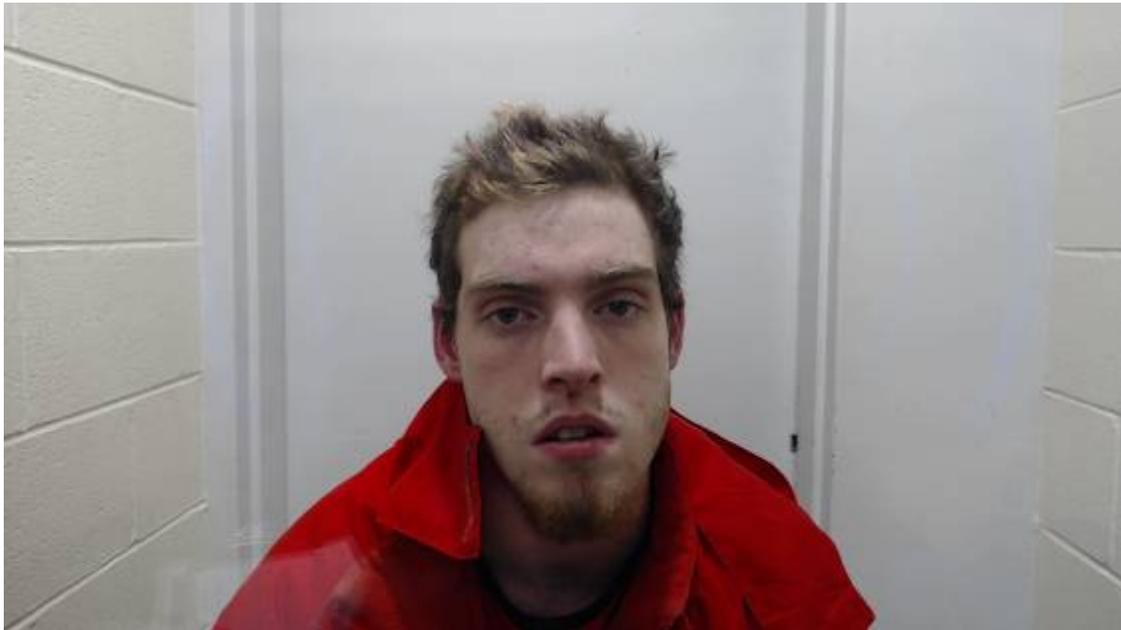
There were no injuries reported in this incident. The Hampton Police Department is thankful for the assistance of North Hampton Police, Seabrook Police, and NH State Police.

Anyone with information related to this incident is urged to contact the Hampton Police Department at 603-929-4444. Anonymous tips can be made through the Crimeline for the Hamptons at 603-929-1222.

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