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**Press Release**

To: Area media outlets

From: Hampton Police Department

Re: Assault Investigation

**HAMPTON, NH-** The Hampton Police Department announces an arrest of a Stratham, NH man stemming from a December 3, 2023 assault involving a stabbing that occurred on Ocean Boulevard in Hampton.

On Thursday December 7, 2023 the Detectives from the Criminal Investigation Division executed an active arrest warrant for:

**Joseph James Davis, 18  
Stratham, NH**

Mr. Davis was charged with one count of Second Degree Assault as a Felony for causing bodily injury with a deadly weapon, and one count of Breach of Bail as a Class A Misdemeanor. Investigators allege that during the evening hours on Sunday December 3, 2023, Mr. Davis was involved in an altercation on Ocean Boulevard in Hampton. They further allege that during the altercation, Mr. Davis stabbed another male in the leg with a knife, 3 times, causing puncture wounds and piercing an artery.

At the time of the arrest, Mr. Davis was on bail from the Rockingham County Superior Court where he was awaiting a hearing on a Felony charge related to an arrest from the Seabrook Police Department.

Mr. Davis was taken into custody without further incident. He refused the services of a bail commissioner and was held at the Rockingham County Jail pending his arraignment at the Rockingham County Superior Court on December 8, 2023.

The Hampton Police Department previously reported on December 3, 2023 officers responded to the area of High Street and Moulton Road in Hampton, NH for a report of an assault. Upon arrival, officers found one person suffering from apparent lacerations and heavy blood loss. Officers determined that a past-tense assault took place in the area of Ocean Boulevard in Hampton and that the individuals had dispersed the area. One half of the group pulled over in the area of High Street and Moulton Road while the other half fled in an unknown direction.

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Officers were able to apply a tourniquet to the injured party to stop the loss of blood. Hampton Fire and Rescue were requested to the scene and transported the individual to an undisclosed local hospital with serious bodily injury.

Investigators believe that all of the involved parties knew each other. All involved parties have been identified and there is no known threat to the general public at this time.

This incident remains under investigation and limited information is being released at this time. The charges against Mr. Davis will be prosecuted by the Rockingham County Attorney's Office and are subject to amendment. All further inquiries related to Mr. Davis' arrest should be directed to that office.

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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