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Press Release

To: Area media outlets

From: Hampton Police Department

Re: Davis Arrest

The Hampton Police Department has arrested and charged a Manchester man with several offenses in connection with a July 2, 2016 motor vehicle stop. The charges include multiple felony level offenses.

Police allege that Joseph Davis, 30, of Manchester, NH was operating a 2013 Ford Focus on July 2, 2016 at 12:36am, on Ocean Boulevard in Hampton. Police allege that a Hampton police officer observed Davis driving his vehicle without headlights during a period of darkness and initiated a motor vehicle stop. Upon further investigation, officers determined that Davis was operating his vehicle while intoxicated and on a suspended driver's license and was taken into custody.

A loaded firearm was later found concealed between the driver's seat and the vehicle's emergency brake. Subsequent investigation revealed that Davis did not possess a valid concealed pistol license. Additionally, police allege that there was evidence of attempts to destroy the gun's serial number by scratching it off. Officers also learned that Davis had been previously convicted of First Degree Assault and Reckless Conduct in 2006 in the Hillsborough Superior Court. These felony level convictions made it an offense to be in possession of a firearm.

Davis was charged with Driving Under the Influence, Driving After Suspension, Possession of a Controlled Drug, Felon in Possession of a Dangerous Weapon, Open Container in a Motor Vehicle, and Changing Marks on a Firearm. He was bailed on \$1,500 cash and \$1,500 personal recognizance. He is scheduled to appear at the 10th Circuit Seabrook District Court on August 23, 2016 at 8:00am.

The Hampton Police Department is continuing to investigate this incident. Anyone with information on this 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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