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Press Release

To: Area Media Outlets

From: Hampton Police Department

Re: Firearms Discharge Incident- Stickney Terrace

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HAMPTON, NH- The Hampton Police Department announces the arrest of Richard Butler, 54 years old, of Hampton, NH on the charges of Felon in Possession of a Dangerous Weapon, Reckless Conduct with a Deadly Weapon, and Unauthorized Use of a Firearm.

On Monday, February 13, 2023, at approximately 8:17pm, Hampton Police dispatch received several emergency calls reporting multiple gun shots in the area of Lafayette Rd. and Stickney Terrace. Initial responding officers conducted an extensive search of the area and eventually located multiple spent ammunition shell casings in the driveway outside of an apartment building located at 32 Stickney Terrace. Officers spoke with several witnesses who described hearing bursts of gunfire. While investigating the scene, officers spoke with a male resident of the apartment building who was identified as:

Richard Butler
Hampton, NH

Through interviewing Mr. Butler, officers were able to identify him as the person who allegedly shot multiple rounds of ammunition. Hampton Police Detectives applied for and were granted a search warrant for Mr. Butler's apartment. After reviewing the evidence obtained through the investigation, officers developed probable cause to support several charges.

On Monday, February 14, 2023, Mr. Butler turned himself in to the Hampton Police Department on an arrest warrant related to this incident and has been charged with Felon in Possession of a Dangerous Weapon (felony), Reckless Conduct with a Deadly Weapon (felony), and Unauthorized Use of a Firearm (violation). Mr. Butler was denied bail based off the charges alleged and was transferred to the custody of the Rockingham County Department of Corrections pending arraignment, which is



scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 8:00am at the Rockingham County Superior Court.

This appears to be an isolated incident and there were no reported injuries.

Hampton Police was assisted in this investigation by New Hampshire Fish and Game and the New Hampshire State Police. This case will be transferred to the Rockingham County Attorney's Office for prosecution and all further inquiries should be directed to their 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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