

I N C I D E N T D A T A	Agency Name Charleston Police Department		INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT				Case# 24-21145				
	ORI SC0100100						Date / Time Reported 12/26/2024 01:53 Thu				
	Location of Incident 251 E BAY ST, Charleston SC 29401		Gang Relat NO	Premise Type Bar/night Club	Beat/Tract 222	Last Known Secure 12/26/2024 00:10 Thu					
						At Found 12/26/2024 00:10 Thu					
M O	#1	Crime Incident(s) Sex Offense/ Fondling,indecent Liberties,child Molesting - 11D		(Com)	Weapon / Tools Hands,personal Weapons				Activity N		
					Entry				Exit		
					Security						
		#2	Crime Incident Simple Assault 13B		(Com)	Weapon / Tools Hands,personal Weapons				Activity N	
						Entry				Exit	
					Security						
V I C T I M	#3	Crime Incident		()	Weapon / Tools				Activity		
					Entry				Exit		
					Security						
O T H E R I N V O L V E D	# of Victims 2		Type: INDIVIDUAL/ NOT LAW		Injury: None						
	V1	Victim/Business Name (Last, First, Middle)			Victim of Crime #	DOB	Race	Sex	Relationship To Offender	Resident Status	Military Branch/Status
					1,	Age 34	W	F	1ST,2ST		
		Home Address			Home Phone						
		Employer Name/Address			Business Phone		Mobile Phone				
P R O P E R T Y	CODES: V- Victim (Denote V2, V3) O = Owner (if other than victim) R = Reporting Person (if other than victim)										
	Type: INDIVIDUAL/ NOT LAW ENFORCEMENT Injury: Apparent Minor Injury										
	CO	Name (Last, First, Middle)			Victim of Crime #	DOB	Race	Sex	Relationship To Offender	Resident Status	Military Branch/Status
		SEAY, DARIUS			2,	Age 44	B	M	1ST,2ST		
		Home Address			Home Phone						
Employer Name/Address			Business Phone		Mobile Phone						
P R O P E R T Y	Type: INDIVIDUAL/ NOT LAW ENFORCEMENT Injury:										
	CO	Name (Last, First, Middle)			Victim of Crime #	DOB	Race	Sex	Relationship To Offender	Resident Status	Military Branch/Status
		SHERRIF, WILLIAM				Age 45	B	M			
		Home Address			Home Phone						
		251 E BAY ST, CHARLESTON SC 29401-									
		Employer Name/Address			Business Phone		Mobile Phone				
P R O P E R T Y	OWNER 251 E BAY ST (OWNER/MANAGER)										
	1 = None 2 = Burned 3 = Counterfeit / Forged 4 = Damaged / Vandalized 5 = Recovered 6 = Seized 7 = Stolen 8 = Unknown ("OJ" = Recovered for Other Jurisdiction)										
	VI #	Code	Status Frm/To	Value	OJ	QTY	Property Description		Make/Model		Serial Number
S T A T U S	Officer/ID# MCCORD, K. (PTL, TM2P) (2904)										
	Invest ID# (0) Supervisor CHERRY, W. E. (PTL, TM2P) (2004)										
	Status Complainant Signature Case Status Cleared 12/26/2024 Case Disposition: Page 1										
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D R U G S	IBR	Status	Quantity	Type Measure	Suspected Type			
Assisting Officers								

Suspect Hate / Bias Motivated:

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NARRATIVE

On December 26, 2024 at approximately 0010 hours I, (PPO McCord) responded to 251 E Bay St (Big John's Bar & Tavern) in reference to a physical disturbance.

I arrived at the scene and entered Big John's Tavern. The complainant and owner of the bar, Mr. William Sherriff, directed me to the side door outside the bar, where I encountered both parties. Upon arrival, they had already separated themselves from each other.

I spoke with [REDACTED] (victim #1), who explained that she was in the bar when she noticed a female sitting at the bar, signaling to her for help. [REDACTED] approached the unknown woman, who explained that a black male, later identified as Mr. Darius Seay (offender #2/victim #2), had repeatedly tried to engage with her, interrupting her and her boyfriend's time at the bar. The female told Ms. [REDACTED] that she had asked the male to leave her alone, but he continued to bother her. In response, [REDACTED] then approached the male and attempted to convince him to stop disturbing the couple. It should be noted that the couple left the bar at this time, maintaining their anonymity.

Mr. Seay approached [REDACTED] and, without her consent, and used an unknown hand to grope her buttock above her clothing. Ms. [REDACTED] advised multiple officers on scene that Mr. Seay touched her lower back area initially, slowly moving his hand down to her lower buttocks area above her clothing. [REDACTED] stated that she felt very uncomfortable and told him she was not okay with his behavior. She then went to her boyfriend, Mr. Kent Benitez (offender #1) and advised him of the male's inappropriately, and unwantingly, touching her in a sexual manner. Mr. Benitez stated that he confronted Mr. Seay, and they exchanged a few unknown words regarding the incident at the bar. Mr. Benitez informed me that, at that point, Mr. Seay assumed a fighting stance, raising both of his arms, leading him to believe that Mr. Seay was about to punch him. Mr. Benitez then used his dominant right hand to defend himself, striking Mr. Seay in the mouth and causing him minor injury. The two males proceeded to brawl with each other at the bar before eventually separating themselves. I observed Mr. Seay to have a visible injury on his lip, but denied needing EMS's assistance.

After detaining both parties for the investigation, [REDACTED] informed me that she wanted to press charges against Mr. Seay for the sexual fondling on her lower buttock area. Seay also stated that he wanted to press charges against Mr. Benitez for assaulting him and causing him injury.

It should be noted, there are no cameras at the establishment and there were no witnesses that came forward in reference to the sexual assault by Mr. Seay or the physical assault by Mr. Benitez.

Mr. Seay was arrested for Assault & Battery 2nd Degree. Mr. Benitez was arrested for Assault & Battery 3rd Degree (ticket #20240416 TICKET). Mr. Benitez was advised of his court date (February 4th 2025), time (1430 hours), and location (180 Lockwood Blvd).

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My CPD issued BWC was activated during this incident.

Incident Report Suspect List

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1	Name (Last, First, Middle) BENITEZ, KENT EUGENIO						Also Known As				Home Address [REDACTED] NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, UK 76180																																					
	Business Address [REDACTED]																																															
	DOB [REDACTED]	Age 40	Race W	Sex M	Eth N	Hgt 507	Wgt 170	Hair BAL	Eye BRO	Skin LGT	Driver's License / State. [REDACTED] TX																																					
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2	Name (Last, First, Middle) SEAY, DARIUS						Also Known As				Home Address [REDACTED] CHARLESTON, SC 29414																																					
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