

Agency Name <i>Charleston Police Department</i>				INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT								Case# <i>24-21145</i>		
I N C I D E N T D A T A M O	ORI <i>SC0100100</i>												Date / Time Reported <i>12/26/2024 01:53 Thu</i>	
	Location of Incident <i>251 E BAY ST, Charleston SC 29401</i>				Gang Relat NO		Premise Type <i>Bar/night Club</i>			Beat/Tract 222		Last Known Secure <i>12/26/2024 00:10 Thu</i>		
#1	Crime Incident(s) (Com) <i>Sex Offense/ Fondling,indecent Liberties,child Molesting - 11D</i>				Weapon / Tools <i>Hands,personal Weapons</i>								Activity <i>N</i>	
					Entry				Exit		Security			
#2	Crime Incident (Com) <i>Simple Assault 13B</i>				Weapon / Tools <i>Hands,personal Weapons</i>								Activity <i>N</i>	
					Entry				Exit		Security			
#3	Crime Incident ()				Weapon / Tools								Activity	
					Entry				Exit		Security			
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V I C T I M	# of Victims 2		Type: INDIVIDUAL/ NOT LAW				Injury: None							
	V1	Victim/Business Name (Last, First, Middle) <i>[REDACTED]</i>				Victim of Crime # 1,	DOB Age 34	Race W	Sex F	Relationship To Offender <i>1ST,2ST</i>		Resident Status		Military Branch/Status
	Home Address <i>[REDACTED]</i>								Home Phone <i>[REDACTED]</i>					
	Employer Name/Address								Business Phone			Mobile Phone		
	VYR	Make	Model	Style	Color	Lic/Lis			VIN					
CODES: V - Victim (Denote V2, V3) O = Owner (if other than victim) R = Reporting Person (if other than victim)														
O T H E R S I N V O L E D	Type: INDIVIDUAL/ NOT LAW ENFORCEMENT				Injury: Apparent Minor Injury									
	Code V2	Name (Last, First, Middle) <i>SEAY, DARIUS</i>				Victim of Crime # 2,	DOB Age 44	Race B	Sex M	Relationship To Offender <i>1ST,2ST</i>		Resident Status		Military Branch/Status
	Home Address <i>[REDACTED]</i>								Home Phone <i>[REDACTED]</i>					
	Employer Name/Address <i>CHARLESTON SC 29414-</i>								Business Phone			Mobile Phone		
	Type: INDIVIDUAL/ NOT LAW ENFORCEMENT				Injury:									
V I C T I M	Code CO	Name (Last, First, Middle) <i>SHERRIF, WILLIAM</i>				Victim of Crime # Age 45	DOB B	Race M	Sex	Relationship To Offender		Resident Status		Military Branch/Status
	Home Address <i>251 E BAY ST, CHARLESTON SC 29401-</i>								Home Phone <i>[REDACTED]</i>					
	Employer Name/Address <i>OWNER 251 E BAY ST (OWNER/MANAGER)</i>								Business Phone			Mobile Phone		
	1 = None 2 = Burned 3 = Counterfeit / Forged 4 = Damaged / Vandalized 5 = Recovered 6 = Seized 7 = Stolen 8 = Unknown (<i>"OJ"</i> = Recovered for Other Jurisdiction)													
	VI #	Code	Status Frm/Tc	Value	OJ	QTY	Property Description				Make/Model			Serial Number
P R O P E R T Y														
Officer/ID# <i>MCCORD, K. (PTL, TM2P) (2904)</i>														
Invest ID# <i>(0)</i>							Supervisor <i>CHERRY, W. E. (PTL, TM2P) (2004)</i>							
Status	Complainant Signature				Case Status <i>Cleared</i>			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 Sheriff, 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 unwillingly, 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 [REDACTED]																													
	Business Address																																												
	DOB	Age	Race	Sex	Eth	Hgt	Wgt	Hair	Eye	Skin	Driver's License / State. [REDACTED] TX																																		
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