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North Myrtle Beach Police Arrest Jeremy Donnie Clark in Connection with an Alleged May 6 Armed Sexual Assault

North Myrtle Beach, SC – May 11, 2019 – On the afternoon of May 10, detectives with the North Myrtle Beach Public Safety Department arrested Jeremy Donnie Clark of Longs, SC, in connection with an alleged armed sexual assault that occurred May 6 on South Ocean Boulevard in North Myrtle Beach. Clark remained in the North Myrtle Beach Jail overnight under a No Bond status as detectives executed search warrants.

On the morning of May 11, police served Clark with arrest warrants charging him with Kidnapping, First Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct, and Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Violent Crime. Later that morning, he appeared before a City judge and entered a plea of not guilty. No bail was set. Today, he will transfer from the City's jail to the J. Reuben Long Detention Center in Conway.

Clark was a motor equipment operator for the City of North Myrtle Beach, about two months into a six-month probationary period required of employees in new positions. On Monday, May 13, the City will provide Clark with notification of his termination.

Detectives in the case began to focus on an unidentified suspect after reviewing hours of surveillance footage from a series of cameras located at area businesses. An intelligence bulletin was developed and shared with other law enforcement agencies, the news media and the public, soliciting assistance in locating the suspect.

Initial images of the suspect were blurred but detectives obtained clearer images from area cameras on Thursday, May 9 and shared them with law enforcement agencies, news media and the public.

On the morning of Friday, May 10, the Horry County Police Department provided North Myrtle Beach detectives with an anonymous tip it received from a member of the public. That tip and additional detective work led to the identification and arrest of Clark.

“We appreciate the cooperation of Horry County law enforcement agencies, and the help of news media and the public as we worked to identify the suspect,” said North Myrtle Beach Police Chief Greg Purden. “Their cooperation made a difference in this case.”

Anyone with further information regarding this case is encouraged to contact the North Myrtle Beach Department of Public Safety.

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