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Large Fight at Tropicana Bar Leads to 1 Arrest

On Sunday at approximately 10:20pm New Brunswick police officers responded to the Tropicana Restaurant & Bar (2 Georges Road) for a large fight and possible stabbing. Upon the officer's arrival they observed a Carmelo Datt-Torres (34 years of age from New Brunswick) chasing another individual through the parking lot. Mr. Datt-Torres was carrying a knife and waving it in the direction of the individual he was pursuing. Officers were able to apprehend Mr. Datt-Torres without incident and recover the knife he possessed.

Other officers entered the restaurant where they observed multiple patrons with various injuries, specifically cuts and lacerations. These patrons indicated that they were hit with broken bottles when a large fight erupted inside the restaurant. Restaurant employees confirmed that a large fight between multiple patrons broke out and several glass bottles were thrown causing lacerations to multiple patrons. Neither the restaurant employees nor patrons were able to identify any of the individuals who threw the bottles. None of the lacerations received by the patrons were life-threatening; however, some of the injuries were treated by EMS on scene and/or transports to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital for further treatment.

Subsequent to Mr. Datt-Torres' arrest, he was found to be in possession of cocaine. Carmelo Datt-Torres was charged with Terroristic Threats, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, and Possession of Cocaine. New Brunswick police detectives are still investigating if Mr. Datt-Torres actually stabbed anyone with the knife he possessed.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Detective Dave Smith at (732) 745-5200.

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