



UNH Police Make Arrest For False Claims In Halloween Assault

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DURHAM, N.H. – Scott B. Holbrook (D.O.B. 4-22-86), of 245 Jobin Drive, Manchester, was arrested by the University Police Department Dec. 3, 2009, on charges of hindering apprehension/prosecution, unsworn falsification, and disorderly conduct in relation to false claims he allegedly made about the Halloween assault on campus. Holbrook turned himself in to police and was released on \$2,000 personal recognizance bail. A recent graduate of UNH, Holbrook is scheduled to appear in Dover District Court Feb. 11, 2010, at 8:30 a.m.

In addition, Holbrook was charged with criminal defamation in a separate incident for allegedly identifying himself as the president of the University of New Hampshire on a social networking site, and using his fictitious identification to make unsolicited inappropriate and suggestive comments to people. The Manchester Police Department assisted UNH in the investigation and arrest of Holbrook.

This arrest was the result of an investigation into information provided to police by persons wishing to help identify the perpetrators in the Halloween assault. Holbrook allegedly identified himself fictitiously on a social networking site claiming to be the person responsible for an assault on Halloween that left a UNH student seriously injured. After thoroughly investigating Holbrook's claim, UNH police determined it was a hoax. The Halloween assault remains under active investigation by the department. During the investigation into Holbrook's false claims in the Halloween assault he was identified as the person falsely identifying himself as the president of UNH.

Contact the University Police Department at (603) 862-1427 with any information regarding the Halloween assault. Information, like the tip that led to Holbrook's arrest, is valuable and will be investigated thoroughly. Information can also be provided anonymously at: <http://www.unh.edu/upd/Contact-Us.html>.

The University of New Hampshire, founded in 1866, is a world-class public research university with the feel of a New England liberal arts college. A land, sea, and space-grant university, UNH is the state's flagship public institution, enrolling 12,200 undergraduate and 2,200 graduate students.