



## UNH Statement On Alleged Hate Crime

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The recent allegation of a religious-based hate crime at the University of New Hampshire has been under investigation by UNH Police since it was reported to have occurred October 3. It has been determined that this incident was unfounded. The student who made the allegation was charged on October 27 with making a false report.

Arrested was Breanne Coventry Snell, 24, of 3127 Quail Hill Drive, Midlothian, Virginia. She has been charged with three Class A misdemeanors. She was released on \$2,000 personal recognizance bail and is scheduled to appear in Durham District Court Dec. 14, 2006.

"The outcome of this investigation does not mean that the University of New Hampshire is any less concerned about incidents of bias, hate crimes or other forms of violence that might occur in this community, nor that they will be taken any less seriously in the future," said UNH Police Chief Nicholas Halias. "The University of New Hampshire remains committed to maintaining a safe and welcoming environment for students, faculty, staff and visitors, and acts of hate or bias are not and will not be tolerated."