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University of New Hampshire Officials Suspend Additional Student Following Downtown Melee Oct. 16

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DURHAM, N.H. – Following quickly on the heels of last week’s announcement of interim suspensions of several University of New Hampshire students, officials today announced another student has been suspended, pending the outcome of a student conduct hearing.

The student was identified from a videotape of last week’s downtown melee, according to Mark Rubinstein, UNH vice president for student and academic services.

Students who are interim suspended are not allowed on-campus, to live in residence halls, or to attend classes, pending the outcome of student conduct hearings. Scholarships are also placed on hold. An interim suspension can be imposed when a student poses a threat to the community.

“We will continue to review photographs and videotapes and if students can be identified, we will make them accountable for their actions,” said UNH President Ann Weaver Hart. “We will not be idle. We will continue to actively seek out students involved in last week’s melee. If they are found responsible, they will be sanctioned in accordance with our student code of conduct.”

Hart added she has called for a complete review of the student conduct system, “so we can act even more swiftly and decisively when faced with outrageous student behavior.”

University and town officials worked for more than two weeks in anticipation of the American League baseball play-offs. Decisions were made by both the town and UNH that were based on feedback from last month's student summit, including downplaying the police presence and providing a safe place for students to celebrate.

In addition, UNH student leaders spent the past two weeks talking one-on-one with other students in residence halls and off-campus apartments, raising the awareness of the university's expectation for responsible celebrations and the consequences of high-risk and illegal behavior.

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