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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Third Degree Assault/ Disturbing the Peace

On May 24, 2019 at approximately 12:30 p.m., Norfolk Police Officers were dispatched to a disturbance in the 500 Block of Verges Avenue. Officers found an adult male victim who had been sprayed in the face with mace. The suspect, 37-year-old Andrew Allen of Norfolk was located nearby.

Norfolk Police have had several recent contacts with Allen, who had developed a pattern of initiating an altercation with a citizen. As the altercation escalates and Allen is confronted for his behavior, he sprays the citizen with mace. On May 21, 2019 Allen had an altercation with a male at Reynoldson's gas station where Allen sprayed the male, and his dog, with mace. That incident is still under investigation. On May 22, 2019, Allen had a confrontation with a male near 8<sup>th</sup> & Koenigstein and sprayed mace at the male victim. Allen was cited for 3<sup>rd</sup> degree assault for that incident. On May 23, 2019, Allen was approached and confronted at ninth and Norfolk by 23-year-old Tiffany Robinson of Norfolk and 32-year-old Michael Paris, of Norfolk. They confronted Allen about a previous altercation Allen had. Allen then sprayed Robinson with mace. Robinson and Paris were cited for 3<sup>rd</sup> degree assault for confronting and having a physical confrontation with Allen. Allen's mace was seized.

During this incident on May 24, 2019, Allen again initiated a confrontation with a male, which escalated. Allen then sprayed the male with mace. Allen was placed under arrest for 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Assault and disturbing the peace. He was booked into the Norfolk City Jail and later transported to the Madison County Jail. Allen has since been released.

All the incidents will be forwarded to the Madison County Attorney for review and prosecution.

We encourage anyone being approached by a person who tries to start a disturbance, to contact law enforcement instead of confronting the person yourself.