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“Police Make Third Arrest in Hazing Incident”

On November 17, 2013 the Morgantown Police Department received information that a 19 year old male was participating in Fraternity Initiations at 780 North Spruce Street (Phi Kappa Psi) on November 15, 2013 and was injured as a result of the initiation activities and physical assault by members of the Fraternity.

On November 18, 2013 West Virginia University Department of Public Safety received information regarding this incident and contacted the Morgantown Police Department. Detectives of the Morgantown Police Department made contact with the reported victim in an attempt to investigate the incident and recover any evidence that the victim may have had in his possession. The victim declined to provide further information until after legal and family consultation.

On December 13, 2013, Detectives interviewed the victim and other potential witnesses and have initiated a criminal investigation for battery. On December 17, 2013, Andrew NEMES, 21 years of age of Huntington Beach California was arrested and charged with Battery and Hazing. NEMES was released on a \$2,000.00 bond.

On January 24, 2014, Michael William SOUSA 21 years of age of Point Pleasant Beach New Jersey surrendered himself at the Morgantown Police Department where he was charged with Hazing. SOUSA was transported to the Monongalia Magistrate Court where he was arraigned and held on a \$2,500.00 bond. Additional updates will be provided as arrests are made.

On February 14, 2014, Christopher David LAZELLE of Morgantown surrendered himself to the Morgantown Police Department where he was charged with Hazing. LAZELLE was arraigned in Magistrates Court and released pending trial.

The Morgantown Police Department is committed to its goal of eliminating crime in our city. Citizens are encouraged to become a **“Partner in Policing”**, by reporting suspected criminal activity to Morgantown Police Department Switchboard at (304) 284-7522. If you need immediate Police attention or a crime is in progress call 911.

Ed Preston
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