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### MEDIA RELEASE

On July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Hanover Police Department initiated an investigation into the death of Won Jang, a Dartmouth student, after his body was recovered in the Connecticut River.

Jang, who was a member of Beta Alpha Omega Fraternity, attended an organized off-campus party hosted by members of the Alpha Phi Sorority. The party took place at an off-campus apartment building which was being rented by several members of the sorority. Most of the attendees, to include Jang, were under 21 years of age and were consuming alcoholic beverages. The alcohol at the party was purchased and provided by members of Beta Alpha Omega Fraternity that were over 21 years of age.

At the end of the party, several attendees made a spontaneous decision to swim in the river. While at the river, a heavy rainstorm hit the area, and many individuals then left the river in various groups. No one in these groups noticed that Jang was unaccounted for. It was confirmed via multiple interviews, to include Jang's family, that he could not swim.

An autopsy report by the NH Chief Medical Examiner's Office determined that Jang's cause of death was drowning. The toxicology report found that Jang's blood alcohol level was .167.

The investigation found probable cause to charge Matthew Catrambone and Samuel Terry, two members of Beta Alpha Omega Fraternity, with one misdemeanor each for providing alcohol to persons under 21 years of age (NH RSA 179:5). Alpha Phi Sorority was charged as a corporation for one misdemeanor violation of facilitating an underage alcohol house (RSA 644:18). All parties were served with summons to appear at Lebanon District Court regarding these charges.

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