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# Juvenile taken into custody

By **CHRISTOPHER SOUTH**  
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY - Police took a 16 year-old person into custody last week after a fight involving a knife and out of town juveniles on the Cape May Boardwalk area.

On Wednesday, June 18, around 10:24 p.m., an altercation took place involving what

police described as "a group of local juveniles "who were verbally taunting two juveniles from outside Cape May County." Lt. Chuck Lear of the Cape May Police Department said the individuals were from New Jersey, but not local.

According to police the fight involved a knife and a 17-year-old victim was taken to Cape Regional Medical

Center, where the victim was treated and released.

The 16 year-old was taken into custody on Thursday, June 19, and later released to the custody of the parents. Charges have been filed with the Cape May County Juvenile Court System.

Det. Victor DeMuz and Ptm. Kris Mazza are conducting the investigation.

# Pedestrian struck in WCM

WEST CAPE MAY - A pedestrian was injured Monday night when a vehicle left the roadway and struck the individual, who was standing on the sidewalk at Broadway and Fifth Avenue.

The victim, who was not identified, was taken to Cape

Regional Medical Center and alter transferred to the Atlantic City Medical Center Trauma Unit.

Police said around 10:09 p.m., Monday evening, a 20001 Honda Civic driven by Monica Lawler of Cape May left the roadway striking the

pedestrian and a stop sign. Lawler was charged with careless driving and leaving the scene of an accident. Police do not believe alcohol was a factor in the accident.

# Mayor

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teerism.

Mahaney said his address was normally a "state of the city" address, but since he had only been in office for about 20 minutes, he didn't think it would be appropriate to make such an address. Mahaney thanked Inderwies for keeping progress in Cape May moving forward, and said with the mayor's volunteerism and elected experience he "really understands the town."

He also thanked outgoing Councilman David Craig, who he said sacrificed a lot over the past four years to serve on council.

Mahaney said there would be a couple of immediate changes. One would be going to four city council meetings per month rather than the two the council currently holds. The change is scheduled to run for three months and then be discussed by city council to see if they want to

adopt the schedule permanently or modify it.

Mahaney said there would be more opportunity for the public to offer input on public issues.

Additionally, Mahaney said steps would be taken to televise council meetings. Mahaney said the city has had that option for eight years under a contract negotiated with Comcast by city solicitor Anthony Monzo.

Mahaney said a new agenda setting procedure he and Councilwoman Terri Swain learned about while attending a Rutgers course for elected officials would be enacted. The police would allow individual council members to place items on the agenda, and would eliminate last minute agenda items.

Mahaney also said he would ask city council to review the procedure for public comment. He said he is not in favor of a time limit, but

would ask people "not to run on."

"I will allow city council members to respond to comments and I will answer questions," he said.

The previous council had recently set a policy limiting speakers to three minutes, which was amended to a five-minute time limit. Additionally, the city council members would not respond during public comment to discourage dialogue during the public comment portion.

Mahaney also said he would change the seating arrangement at the council table. Previously the mayor was flanked by the city manager and the city solicitor, with two council members on either end. He said he would move the city professionals to the ends, allowing city council members to be closer to each other.

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2007 violations had been abated. He said of the recent inspection, only about 10-percent were repeat violations, and he believes some of them were very minor. Berczynski showed the Star and Wave where he had sealed a small gap between the ceiling and wall in a closet housing the water heater. He also pointed out where he sealed what he described as a quarter-inch gap around a ceiling light receptacle and filled a hole in

the wall. A larger repair to the second floor ceiling, Berczynski said, was for damage caused by an overflowing toilet. He said he believes the student workers had tried to flush newspaper and they clogged the toilet, causing it to overflow.

Berczynski pointed out a fire extinguisher hanging in a kitchen and said he had six of them in the house. The extinguisher was last inspected in September 2007.

He also said he removed the dryer from the laundry room after the inspectors told him the ceiling had to be fire rated. He said the inspectors told him the ceiling would still have to be fire rated. The laundry room has living area

above it. He said he also removed items from a storage area, including some old paint and paint thinner cans he removed on Tuesday. Berczynski said some of the violations were as minor as an area being too dirty and he believes someone in the city or state is looking for excuses to cite him.

"If you want to beat a duck you can always find a stick," he said.

Berczynski said there are a few hundred students in Cape May now and many of them are living in worse conditions.

"This is not a slum," he said.

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