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Subject: For Approval- NPS statement- Gateway NRA- arrest
Date: Monday, February 8, 2021 6:43:09 AM
Attachments: [GATE Arrest Communications Plan.docx](#)

Hi Jenny- Park law enforcement is reviewing the statement today. In the meantime, since I am off today with only occasional email access, I wanted to get you what we have. I filled in the blanks in the statement from the other day and it is in the comms plan as you wrote it in the background statement at the top. You can easily plug it back in as the proposed statement but I did put a shortened version below and in the comms plan.

Bureau/Office: National Park Service/Gateway National Recreation Area

Subject: DUI arrest of prominent person

Materials: Statement below, comms plan attached

Target date: February 10

Please comment by: February 9

Driving event: The arraignment is on 2/10 at 9:00 AM. The park has received media inquiries, including from TMZ.

Cleared by:

Proposed Statement: (b) (5)

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Communications Plan

Arrest of prominent person at Gateway National Recreation Area

Background:

On November 14, 2020 at about 3:30 p.m. a law enforcement ranger on routine patrol of the Sandy Hook in Gateway National Recreation Area observed a male, later identified as Bruce Springsteen, drinking alcohol near the Sandy Hook Lighthouse. Consuming alcohol in the park is not permitted. As the officer approached, the individual got on a motorcycle and turned it on. After an investigation, which included conducting standard field sobriety tests, Springsteen was arrested for violation of 36 CFR 4.23(a)(1) Operating or being in actual physical control of vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, drugs or combination of both. Springsteen was cooperative throughout the process.

Springsteen was arrest and later released to a family member. His arraignment is scheduled for February 10 at 9:00 AM in Newark, NJ.

There is body camera footage of the encounter. There is no personal information that needs to be redacted. Personal information has been redacted from the police report.

Communication Materials:

No proactive outreach is planned. The park will issue the below prepared statement in response to media inquiries.

Statement: (b) (5)

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