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Subject: Fw: Update on Tri-village area ATV/turtle closure incident
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Cyndy,

This should be enough information for a press release. Rangers Sean Reier and Jim Churchman investigated.

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Subject Update on Tri-village area ATV/turtle closure incident

Incident occurred about 2:00 AM. Two ATVs drove onto the beach in the area of Sea Oats Dr in Rodanthe north of the Rodanthe Pier. They drove south on the beach for about two miles. The turtle nest that was run through was about one mile south of the pier. Tire tracks indicated swerves, donuts and jumping. The turtle nest was run through by one ATV and Hunt admitted that it was him. Resource staff checked the nest and believe it is OK. The tire tracks of one ATV led to the cottage Hunt was staying at. Hunt confessed that he was drunk and a PBT reading of .11 was obtained at 9:00 am. Hunt identified Tillett as the other ATV operator.

Suspects identified;
Daniel Hunt, age 28, from Maryland
Brian Tillett, age 34, lives in Rodanthe

Hunt confessed and was charged with;

unsafe operation
operate ORV in seasonal ORV closure
entering a resource closure for turtle nest

giving false information
disturbing wildlife
intoxicated in park area

Hunt's ATV was seized as evidence

Tillet remained silent but Hunt identified Tillet as being the other ATV operator. Tillet was charged with;

unsafe operation
operate ORV in seasonal ORV closure

The ATV is owned by Gary Midgett and was taken with out authorization by Tillet with out Midgett's knowledge.

After Sean and Jim informed me of the investigation I told Sean too also issue charges for unregistered motor vehicle and night driving to both and also charge Tillet with driving on suspended license.

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