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Lake George County Park Incident and Closure

On June 12, 2020 at 3:57 p.m., Deputies of the Anoka County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to Lake George County Park in Oak Grove regarding a group people in the beach area who were becoming unruly and that there was a DJ on site. It was reported that the group numbered 300 people. Several other calls reporting issues at the park were also received.

When deputies arrived, they observed approximately 200 people in the beach area and fights were occurring in multiple areas of the park. Assistance was requested from other area law enforcement to assist in dispersing the group and closing the park. All those present were asked to leave by deputies walking around and telling people that the park was closing as well as using a public address system. After time was given, many people remained and refused to leave the park, telling deputies and other law enforcement that they would not leave. Reports were also received of a man with a gun and that people had begun to climb to the roof of a bathroom building in the park.

A smoke canister was deployed at the location and some of the crowd dispersed although many still refused to leave. CS irritant was deployed and then the group dispersed. Medical personnel were on hand to tend to any persons with injuries. It appears at this time that one person sought assistance from medical personnel after the event. They were not transported to a hospital and were released at the scene.

At this time there is no one on custody. Lake George Park will be closed through the weekend. Lake George Park was closed earlier in week due to similar issues. There will be no further information released at this time.

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