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Warning From Halifax Regional Police

Concerning Drink Tampering

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USPA NEWS - On May 17, law enforcement officials responded to two separate incidents involving females who became ill and exhibited signs of impairment after reportedly consuming small amounts of alcohol. Both females required medical attention.

The police are investigating potential drink tampering. Medical analysis has not confirmed either incident, and investigations are still in progress. The incidents took place at separate locations, and at this point, there is no evidence to suggest a link. Law enforcement is warning of possible drink tampering incidents and advising people to closely monitor their drinks and each other's safety while socializing.

The unauthorized administration of a substance to an individual is a serious criminal offense. Law enforcement agencies are urging the public to remain vigilant and not leave beverages unattended, while also fostering a sense of responsibility among bar staff, patrons, friends, and family members. The symptoms associated with a tampered drink can manifest rapidly, typically within 5 to 30 minutes after consumption, and may persist for up to 12 hours.

Common symptoms may include:
Dizziness, drowsiness, confusion, difficulty walking, nausea/vomiting, blurred vision, memory loss, unconsciousness/passing out, and difficulty breathing
If you or someone you know is experiencing these symptoms and believe your drink may have been tampered with, call 911. File #s 26-75853 and 26-75876

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