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Joint Statement from CAMP Rehoboth and the Rehoboth Guest House on the Arrest of Jordan Reed

CAMP Rehoboth and the Rehoboth Guest House would like to commend the Rehoboth Beach Police Department on the quick arrest of Jordan Reed following a string of incidents that took place on February 1st.

Those events included the desecration of a Pride Flag hanging outside the Rehoboth Guest House, an LGBT owned and operated business and a popular destination for the LGBTQ Community. The rainbow flag included statements of support for Black Lives Matter as well as the immigrant community.

In video supplied to the police, Jordan Reed removes the flag, steps on the flag, and buries the flag in snow. In the high resolution version of the video, you can also see Reed spit on his hands and rub the spit into the flag before he buries it.

While the quick action of the police is greatly appreciated, we respectfully disagree with their decision not to classify this activity as a hate crime or hate bias incident.

Accordingly, we have forwarded this information to the Delaware Division of Civil Rights and Public Trust. Individuals who experience hate crimes or hate bias incidents should always call their local police first, but can also report these incidents to the Delaware Division of Civil Rights and Public Trust using any of these methods:

- Phone: (302) 577-5400
- E-mail: publictrust@delaware.gov
- Online Complaint Form: <https://attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/publictrust/complaint-form/>

We encourage the community to report all such incidents. A hate bias incident does not need to rise to the level of criminal activity to be reported. If you experience harassment or intimidation, please report it. Documenting and tracking such activity is essential to our collective safety.

The LGBT Community, and CAMP Rehoboth specifically, have a long standing positive relationship with the Rehoboth Beach Police Department. We look forward to continuing those relationships and working together whenever possible.

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About CAMP Rehoboth: CAMP Rehoboth is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community service organization dedicated to creating a positive environment inclusive of all sexual orientations and gender identities in Rehoboth Beach and its related communities. It seeks to promote cooperation and understanding among all people, as they work to build a safer community with room for all.