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**Assault and Stabbing Leads to the Arrest of 2 Rutgers Students**

This morning at approximately 2:00 am New Brunswick police officers responded to a fight outside the Old Bay Restaurant (Church Street and Neilson Street) where Pablo Mero-Cabrera (31 year old male from New Brunswick, NJ) and Annie Hodges (24 year old female from Spotswood, NJ) were assaulted by Michael Young (24 year old male from Paramus, NJ) and Joel Tomanelli (23 year old male from Hillsdale, NJ). Annie Hodges received minor injuries stemming from punches she received from both suspects. Pablo Mero-Cabrera was stabbed multiple times in the head and neck and is listed in stable condition at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. His injuries do not appear to be life-threatening at this time.

Both suspects (Young and Tomanelli) were apprehended by the responding officers at the scene. Michael Young is charged with Attempted Murder along with weapons offenses while Joel Tomanelli is charged with Aggravated Assault. Both suspects are Rutgers University students. The cause of the altercation between the individuals is part of the ongoing investigation, however the preliminary findings suggests alcohol and drugs were involved. Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Ray Quick at (732) 745-5217.

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