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Subject: FOOTAGE TAKEN BY CAMERA CREW OF INTOXICATED SAILOR  
FIGHTING WITH DARWIN POLICE

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**SENSITIVITY:** This issue should be considered sensitive as the footage was taken by a camera crew following Darwin Police Officers on patrol for a Reality Television program similar to the American series 'Cops'

**KEY ISSUES:**

- Sailor currently posted to Transit Security Element (TSE)
- Sailor Embarked in HMAS MELVILLE, force assigned to Operation RESOLUTE, conducting a port visit in Darwin, NT.
- Sailor was drinking at Monsoons Bar on Mitchell St, Darwin  
PM 01 November 2011.
- Sailor was ejected by security due to intoxication.
- NT Police officers and camera crew patrolling the area assisted Security.
- Sailor refused to move on, and then attempted to resist Security and Police. Sailor was allegedly acting in an aggressive manner which required Police Officers to forcibly take him to the ground and arrest him.
- The incident was captured by camera crew filming an Australian version of the American television series 'Cops'.
- Sailor was released into Navy's custody later the same night with an infringement notice.

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**BACKGROUND:**

The sailor was, and remains, force assigned to Op RESOLUTE and is embarked in HMAS MELVILLE.

MELVILLE is currently at sea on operations.

The incident, having no direct operational impacts has been passed to Navy (HMAS MELVILLE) for further investigation and, if necessary, action.

**TALKING POINTS:**

- An Australian sailor was ejected by security staff from Monsoons Bar on Mitchell St, Darwin on the evening of 1 Nov. NT Police officers and camera crew patrolling the area assisted the security staff.
- The incident was captured by camera crew filming an Australian version of the American television series 'Cops'.
- The sailor refused to move on, acting in an aggressive manner, and then attempted to resist Security and Police.
- The sailor was arrested by Police Officers, later released into Navy's custody, and issued with an infringement notice.
- The Royal Australian Navy is investigating the incident.

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