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Incident Involving Solange Knowles

On 08/28/11, Ms Solange Knowles was involved in an incident at Club Cameo, 1445 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach, FL, where she was not allowed access into the club. Ms Knowles was not allowed access into the club because she was in possession of a five (5) foot tall inflatable banana. Ms. Knowles began to complain the reasons for not being allowed access into the club were racially motivated. Ms Knowles continued her actions, while speaking to officers working off duty at the club.

Ms. Knowles' demeanor caused the officers to escort her across the street to further the conversation, where Ms. Knowles claims one of the officers pulled a "weapon" on her, not a firearm, and threatened to deflate the banana.

Ms. Knowles contacted the Miami Beach Police Department, and spoke to a Sergeant who notified the Department's Internal Affairs Unit. The Internal Affairs Unit will be contacting Ms. Knowles in reference to her allegations.

At this time no further information or sound will be given in reference to this incident due to the Internal Affairs Investigation as per FSS Chapter 119.