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CHILD FOUND AND REUNITED WITH PARENTS

Clearwater, Fla. – Clearwater Police Officers responded to the Mandalay Beach Club, 10 Papaya Street, at 4:40 a.m. after being contact by a security guard at the Mandalay Beach Club. According to the security guard, a newspaper delivery person found a 4-year-old boy wondering around outside by himself. The child was not able to tell police where he was staying or identify his parents/guardians. CPD released information to local media by 5:30 a.m., in an effort to locate the boy's parents.

After 7:00 a.m., the child's uncle from Tampa contacted CPD after watching the news and suspecting the boy might be his nephew. The uncle gave a description of the boy and the description matched. The man told police the boy's parents were staying at the Hilton on Clearwater Beach and police responded to the hotel. Officers made contact with the parents in the lobby of the hotel. By the time police contacted them they had somehow been alerted that Clearwater Police had their child.

After interviewing the parents, Clearwater Police have determined that no charges will occur. The hotel room door was secured; however, the child was still able to escape while his parents were asleep. The child was reunited with his parents.

The family was visiting from Chicago.

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