



# CUSI

## Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations

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INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Sexual Assault & Lewd and Lascivious conduct with a child	05/07/2019	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
19BU010030	Burlington, VT	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Detective Elizabeth Felicciardi	802-652-6899	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Det. Sgt. Brian LaBarge	Det. Sgt. Brian LaBarge	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Keith R. LaFlam	59	Milton, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Mr. LaFlam was lodged on \$25,000 bail pending his arraignment this morning at 1030		

On May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations (CUSI) was contacted by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) regarding a report of a Sexual Assault against a juvenile victim by a well-known foster parent identified by DCF as Keith R. LaFlam, 59 of Milton, VT.

It was reported to CUSI that Mr. LaFlam was originally a licensed DCF foster parent starting in October of 1994 until September of 1997. Mr. LaFlam reportedly became a Northeastern Family Institute (NFI) foster parent from 1997 until 2007. In 2012, Mr. LaFlam was reportedly reapproved as a foster parent for a Howard Center home until September 2017.

As a result of the CUSI investigation, on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019, CUSI investigators interviewed Mr. LaFlam in South Burlington, VT at his place of employment. During the interview Mr. LaFlam told investigators he had worked with children for 32 years in multiple capacities to include foster homes and at Woodside. Mr. LaFlam was subsequently arrested for two counts of sexual assault and one count of lewd and lascivious conduct with a child. Mr. LaFlam was lodged at Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility on \$25,000 bail. Mr. LaFlam is scheduled to be arraigned today at 1030.

Any witnesses or victims who wish to report incidents involving Mr. LaFlam are encouraged to contact Detective Felicciardi at 802-652-6899 and/or DCF at 1-800-649-5285.

A person convicted of the crime of sexual assault in violation of Title 13 V.S.A. § 3252 shall be imprisoned not less than three years and for a maximum term of life, and, in addition, may be fined not more than \$25,000.00. A person who is convicted of Lewd or lascivious conduct with child shall be imprisoned not less than two years and not more than 15 years, and, in addition, may be fined not more than \$5,000.00, or both



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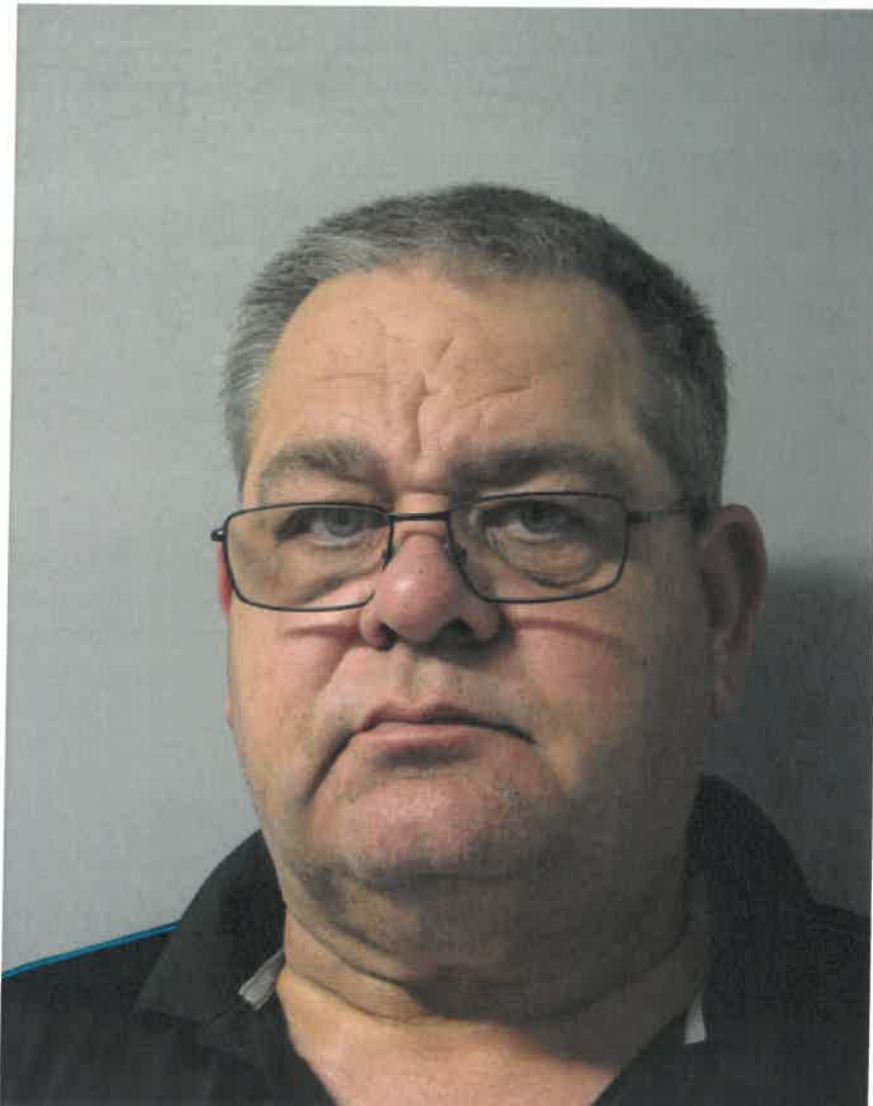
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If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual assault, there is support available. Even if the assault did not happen recently, there are resources to help you decide what is best for you, including free medical treatment, advocacy and support. You don't have to go through this alone. There is a whole community ready to support you. For more information, call the state-wide confidential hotline, 800-489-7273, or see the website for the VT Network against Sexual and Domestic Violence, [www.vtnetwork.org](http://www.vtnetwork.org).

Thank you,

Detective Sergeant Brian LaBarge



Keith R. LaFlam

*Det. Sgt. Brian LaBarge- Director, Veronica Rathgeb- CAC Director, Kim Staiano- DCF Investigator, Armina Medic - Victim Advocate, Mary Komondy-Administrative Assistant, Rene Young- Detective, Krystal Wrinn- Detective, David Hurwitch- Detective, Elizabeth Felicciardi- Detective, Mike Chistolini-Detective, Cassandra Ellison-Detective, Victor Bitca-Detective*