



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

<b>INCIDENT TYPE:</b>	<b>DATE/TIME REPORTED:</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Aggravated Domestic Assault, Unlawful Restraint, Aggravated Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer, Violations of Conditions of Release Curfew, Contact and Other	02-22-21 at 0303 Hours	
<b>INCIDENT NUMBER:</b>	<b>LOCATION:</b>	
21BU002189	North St, Burlington, VT 05401	
<b>INVESTIGATOR:</b>	<b>INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:</b>	
Officer McGee #385	802-658-2704	
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY:</b>	
Sgt. Mellis #297	Chief Murad	
<b>SUSPECT:</b>	<b>AGE:</b>	<b>SUSPECT ADDRESS:</b>
Eric Martin	33	Burlington, VT
<b>SUSPECT DISPOSITION:</b>		
Lodged at Northwest State Correctional Facility		

**NARRATIVE:**

On February 22, 2021, at approximately 0303 hours, the Burlington Police Department (BPD) dispatch received a call about a man allegedly holding a woman against her will. The man was reported to be in possession of a knife and made threats about “suicide by cop.”

Officers responded to the vicinity of a residence on North St. and communicated with a second woman who had been inside the residence. She identified the man as Eric Martin, 33, a person with a long history of police interactions. She stated he was waving a hunting knife and holding his wife inside the residence against her will. She also reported that Mr. Martin was under the influence of an unknown substance.

Officers approached the residence and knocked on the door in an attempt to establish contact with Mr. Martin. A woman could be heard screaming for help from inside the apartment. Officers entered the apartment and located Mr. Martin and the woman in a bedroom. Mr. Martin told officers to shoot him and stated that he had a gun. Officers asked him to release the woman, which he did, but he then made gestures indicating that he was reaching for a weapon. Officers deployed a conducted electrical weapon (CEW), or TASER, and took him into custody. A knife was recovered.

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Mr. Martin was transported to the University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMCC) and evaluated. He was then transported to the Northwest State Correctional Facility. He is expected to be arraigned tomorrow.

At the time of the incident, Mr. Martin had a large number of pending cases, including but not limited to assault and robbery, aggravated assault, domestic assault, burglary, and identity theft, and was under several conditions of release, including a prohibition against having contact with both women involved in this morning's incident.

This is an ongoing case and investigation and information is still being developed. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Burlington Police Department at (802) 658-2704.



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