**MEDIA RELEASE**

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| INCIDENT TYPE:  | DATE/TIME REPORTED:  |
| Aggravated Assault and Unlawful Trespass into an occupied dwelling.  | July 9, 2021 at 0849 hours |
| INCIDENT NUMBER:  | LOCATION:  |
| 21BU010408 | 163 Maple St, Burlington |
| INVESTIGATOR:  | INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:  |
| Cpl. K. Young | 802-540-2268 |
| AUTHOR:  | APPROVED BY: |
| Sgt. Michael Henry | Sgt. Michael Henry |
| SUSPECT:  | AGE: | SUSPECT ADDRESS: |
| Samantha Durham | 27 |   |
| SUSPECT DISPOSITION:  |   |
| Samantha Durham is being charged with Aggravated Assault in violation of Title 13 VSA 1024, Unlawful Trespass (Felony) in violation of Title 13 VSA 3705 (d), and Violation of Conditions of Release in violation of Title 13 7559. |

**NARRATIVE:**

On 09 July 2021, at approximately 0849 hours, the Burlington Police Department responded to the 100 block of Maple St. for a report of a female kicking and punching a vehicle with the operator still inside. While Officers were en route, the Dispatch Center advised the female was now in possession of a knife.

Officers arrived on scene and learned the female had given the knife to a citizen who was in his vehicle watching the disturbance. The female was identified as Samantha Durham, age 27. Durham is known to Law Enforcement with numerous encounters over the last month.

Officers learned the victim is the landlord of the property Durham was illegally occupying. Durham does not reside at this address and approached the victim that had parked in the driveway. Durham proceed to kick and punch the victim’s driver side door of the vehicle. The victim stated Durham stopped striking his vehicle and went into the apartment, appearing with a large kitchen knife. Durham approached the victim in the vehicle again and started walking around the vehicle, swinging the knife in the air and making “stabbing” motions towards the victim. At one point, Durham walked up to the driver’s side window and started hitting the handle of the knife on the window and then with blade itself.

Durham was taken into custody and charged with Aggravated Assault, Unlawful Trespass into a dwelling (Felony), and Violation of Conditions of Release. Durham was lodged on $5,000 bail by the Honorable Judge. Durham will appear in Vermont Superior Court on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 1030 hours.

Please note, since June 2021, Durham has had 47 incidents with police contact and/or emergency services (31 in June and 16 in July). Durham has been arrested 10 times for crimes of disorderly conduct, domestic assault, and aggravated assault, violation of conditions of release, trespassing, and restraining order violations.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Burlington Police Department at (802) 658-2704 or Cpl. Young at (802) 540-2268.