**MEDIA RELEASE**

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| INCIDENT TYPE:  | DATE/TIME REPORTED:  |
| **Domestic Assault and Attempted Assault of Law Enforcement Officer** | July 8, 2021 at approximately 0748 hours |
| INCIDENT NUMBER:  | LOCATION:  |
| 21BU010327 | Burlington |
| INVESTIGATOR:  | INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:  |
| Ofc. B. Marvin | 802-540-2381 |
| AUTHOR:  | APPROVED BY: |
| Sgt. Michael Henry | Sgt. Michael Henry |
| SUSPECT:  | AGE: | SUSPECT ADDRESS: |
| Dakota Ducharme | 27 |   |
| SUSPECT DISPOSITION:  |   |
| Dakota Durchame was taken into custody and charged with **Domestic Assault** in violation of Title 13 VSA 1042 and **Attempted Assault of Law Enforcement Officer**, in violation of Title 13 VSA 1028 (a)(1). Ducharme was arraigned through video arraignment at the Burlington Police Department and released on conditions from the Honorable Judge.  |

**NARRATIVE:**

On 08 July 2021, at approximately 0748 hours, The Burlington Police Department received a 911 call of a male inside the residence located on North Avenue in possession of a hammer, threatening to kill family members. The 911 caller advised family members were attempting to separate themselves to a secured bedroom. The caller identified the male as Dakota Ducharme, age 27. The caller stated Ducharme attempted to gain entry into the bedroom threw the lock door using a hammer to destroy the door. Ducharme was screaming threats to the family members inside the bedroom “I’m going to kill you.”

As Burlington Police Officers were responding, Dispatch Center advised Dakota had dropped the hammer and was not actively assaulting his father. Dispatch could hear audible screaming in the background. The caller stated he could hear his dad shouting repeatedly “he’s (explicit language) up real bad”. Dispatch attempted to obtain more information from the caller as officers were responding to the scene and the caller only said “He was hurt bad”.

Dispatched advised Officers arriving on scene that Ducharme stated “he was going to kill himself”. The caller stated Ducharme was experiencing a mental health episode. The caller stated he could hear what sounded like Ducharme smashing items and what sounded like a body being thrown.”

Officers arrived on scene and were immediately met by Ducharme. Ducharme sprinted towards a Burlington Police cruiser and punch the passenger side window with a closed fist multiple times. The officer had not had the chance to exit the cruiser when Ducharme started punching the window. The Officer feared Ducharme was attempting to gain access to assault the Officer.

Officers approached Ducharme who stopped punching the cruiser window and displayed tasers to gain compliance of Ducharme. Officers were able to de-escalate Ducharme, who complied with Officers orders. Ducharme was taken into custody without incident. Ducharme was transported to the University of Vermont Medical Center and cleared medically. Ducharme was transported to the Burlington Police Department where he was arraigned through video arraignment. Ducharme was released on court conditions from the Honorable Judge.