



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Search warrant, arrest	10/13/2021 1000 Hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
21BU017226	Sears Lane encampment	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Robert Renner	49	Undomiciled
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Arrested for drug sales.		

NARRATIVE:

At approximately 1000 hours on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, the Burlington Police Department and federal partners executed a search warrant on a specific housing structure located in the encampment in Sears Lane. This judicially issued warrant stemmed from a month-long narcotics investigation into trafficking activity at the site. Robert M. Renner, 49, was arrested and officers recovered methamphetamine, several weapons, and stolen property. The operation involved a large police presence and a helicopter. Although some neighbors have expressed concern about drug production at the encampment, colloquially “cooking meth,” officers discovered no evidence of that activity. Evidence exists for narcotics sales, use, and possession, as well as alleged weapons possession by prohibited individuals. This is an ongoing case and the investigation is in progress.

“I want to commend our officers and federal partners on their work today,” said acting Chief of Police Jon Murad. “They conducted the operation safely for everyone involved—personnel, subjects, and bystanders—and got a positive outcome. When taken together with ongoing outreach work and efforts to connect encampment residents with appropriate services, this kind of enforcement can help address some of the unlawful behavior that neighbors have reported at Sears Lane.”

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

Information is preliminary and subject to change.