



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Burglary	8/30/18	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
18BU019647		
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Detective Mike Beliveau	540-2329	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Detective Mike Beliveau	Sergeant James Trieb #251	
VICTIM:	AGE:	VICTIM ADDRESS:
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
James Ploof	40	Burlington, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Arrested and lodged at the Chittenden Regional Correction Facility. Cited into court for 9/6/18 at 8:30 AM		

**NARRATIVE:**

On 8/30/18, following an ongoing investigation into a rash of burglaries in the Burlington area, the Burlington Police Department executed a search warrant at the residence of James Ploof in Burlington, VT. The search warrant yielded the recovery of a substantial amount of stolen property to include video game consoles, jewelry, debit cards, backpacks and more.

Ploof was charged with five (5) counts of burglary with additional charges forthcoming.

Ploof was out in public on furlough with the Vermont Department of Corrections. Ploof's criminal history includes eight (8) felony convictions and nine (9) misdemeanor convictions.

Anyone with additional information about this incident is asked to contact Detective Mike Beliveau at (802) 540-2329.

**§ 1201. Burglary**

(a) A person is guilty of burglary if he or she enters any building or structure knowing that he or she is not licensed or privileged to do so, with the intent to commit a felony, petit larceny, simple assault, or unlawful mischief. This provision shall not apply to a licensed or privileged entry, or to an entry that takes place while the premises are open to the public, unless the person, with the intent to commit a crime specified in this subsection, surreptitiously remains in the



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building or structure after the license or privilege expires or after the premises no longer are open to the public.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Building," "premises," and "structure" shall, in addition to their common meanings, include and mean any portion of a building, structure, or premises which differs from one or more other portions of such building, structure, or premises with respect to license or privilege to enter, or to being open to the public.

(2) "Occupied dwelling" means a building used as a residence, either full-time or part-time, regardless of whether someone is actually present in the building at the time of entry.

(c)(1) A person convicted of burglary shall be imprisoned not more than 15 years or fined not more than \$1,000.00, or both.

(2) A person convicted of burglary and who carries a dangerous or deadly weapon, openly or concealed, shall be imprisoned not more than 20 years or fined not more than \$10,000.00, or both.

(3) A person convicted of burglary into an occupied dwelling:

(A) shall be imprisoned not more than 25 years or fined not more than \$1,000.00, or both; or

(B) shall be imprisoned not more than 30 years or fined not more than \$10,000.00, or both, if the person carried a dangerous or deadly weapon, openly or concealed, during commission of the offense.

(4) When imposing a sentence under this section, the Court shall consider as an aggravating factor whether, during commission of the offense, the person entered the building when someone was actually present or used or threatened to use force against the occupant. (Amended 1971, No. 199 (Adj. Sess.), § 15; 1981, No. 223 (Adj. Sess.), § 2; 2013, No. 195 (Adj. Sess.), § 9.)