



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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| <b>INCIDENT TYPE:</b>                     | <b>DATE/TIME REPORTED:</b>   |                         |
| Graffiti Vandalism                        | Between 11-4-18 and 11-7-18  |                         |
| <b>INCIDENT NUMBER:</b>                   | <b>LOCATION:</b>             |                         |
| Multiple                                  | Multiple                     |                         |
| <b>INVESTIGATOR:</b>                      | <b>INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:</b> |                         |
| SCU Officer David Bowers                  | 802-540-2344                 |                         |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>                            | <b>APPROVED BY:</b>          |                         |
| Sergeant My T. Nguyen                     | Deputy Chief Jon Murad       |                         |
| <b>VICTIM:</b>                            | <b>AGE:</b>                  | <b>VICTIM ADDRESS:</b>  |
| Multiple                                  |                              | Burlington, VT          |
| <b>SUSPECT:</b>                           | <b>AGE:</b>                  | <b>SUSPECT ADDRESS:</b> |
| Ian J. Coleman                            | 23                           | Burlington, VT          |
| <b>SUSPECT DISPOSITION: See Narrative</b> |                              |                         |

**NARRATIVE:**

Between November 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 and November 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2018, numerous graffiti “tags” appeared throughout the city. Among the locations vandalized were multiple residences, multiple businesses, City Hall, City Hall Park, and also multiple signs, dumpsters, and mailboxes throughout the city.

After a weeklong investigation by the Burlington Street Crimes Unit (SCU), investigators identified Ian J. Coleman (23 yoa) of Burlington as the person responsible. Investigators interviewed Coleman, who made statements admitting his role in multiple vandalism incidents.

Coleman was issued a citation for multiple counts of Unlawful Mischief and will be issued civil graffiti tickets at a later date.

There is no arrest photograph for Coleman on file.

The mission of the Burlington Police Department is to prevent crime and disorder with community support. We take seriously all acts that diminish Burlingtonians’ quality of life, including vandalism in public spaces and on private property. Please help us by reporting these crimes when you can, because public safety is a shared responsibility.