POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:		DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Vandalism		10-19-18 / 1114 & 11-1-18 / 0900	
INCIDENT NUMBER:		LOCATION:	
18BU024395 & 18BU025414		Leahy Way, Burlington	
INVESTIGATOR:		INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Det. Thomas Chenette		802-540-2271	
AUTHOR:		APPROVED BY:	
Detective Chenette		Lt. Trieb	
VICTIM:		AGE:	VICTIM ADDRESS:
Church Street Marketplace			
SUSPECTS:		AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Eric B. Maier Margaux Higgins		32 21	Both of Burlington.
(Additional) SUSPECT DISPOSITION:			
Maier received a flash citation for 2 counts of Unlawful Mischief (one felony, one misdemeanor) to appear in Chittenden County Superior Court on 12-13-18, Higgins was issued a citation for 12-18-18 for the charge of Accessory After the Fact.			

NARRATIVE:

On October 19th, 2018, the Burlington Police Department received a report of graffiti on the "Everyone Loves a Parade" mural, located on Leahy Way off of Church Street in Burlington. The damage was repaired, but the mural was vandalized again, more extensively during the overnight hours of 10-31-18 and had to be covered. Damage is estimated at $5,000 to $10,000 and may not be repairable.

A citizen tip led to the identification of 32 year old Eric Maier of Burlington as a suspect. He posted photos of the damage on Facebook, reportedly to gain notoriety and promote his beliefs. Multiple search warrants obtained by law enforcement for social media, phone accounts, and a residence on S. Willard Street in Burlington, led to the identification and arrest of Maier as the vandal and Margaux Higgins of Burlington as an accessory to the crime.

Maier received a flash citation for 2 counts of Unlawful Mischief (one felony, one misdemeanor) to appear in Chittenden County Superior Court on 12-13-18. Higgins was issued a citation for 12-18-18 for the charge of Accessory After the Fact.

Anyone with additional information is asked to call the Burlington Police Department at 802-658-2700.

Eric Maier, age 32

Margaux Higgins, age 21