



# CUSI

## Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations

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INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Sexual Assault, Simple Assault and Procuring Prostitution	03/04//2019	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
19BU004462	Burlington, VT	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Detective Cassandra Ellison	802-652-6859	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Det. Sgt. Brian LaBarge	Det. Sgt. Brian LaBarge	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Christopher J. Rich	33	Essex, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Mr. Rich was lodged at Northwest State Correctional Facility (NWSCF) on \$25,000 bail		

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations (CUSI) was contacted by the Colchester Police Department regarding a report of a Sexual Assault. As a result of the investigation, Christopher J. Rich was arrested yesterday afternoon in South Burlington by Detectives from CUSI. During the investigation it was determined that Mr. Rich was an employee of the Vermont Department of Corrections working at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility. Mr. Rich was arrested for the crimes of sexual assault, simple assault and solicitation/procuring prostitution. Mr. Rich was lodged last night at Northwest State Correctional Facility (NWSCF) on \$25,000 bail. Mr. Rich was arraigned this morning in Franklin County Criminal Court and released on conditions.

A person convicted of the crime of sexual assault in violation of Title 13 V.S.A. § 3252 shall be imprisoned not less than three years and for a maximum term of life, and, in addition, may be fined not more than \$25,000.00. A person who is convicted of simple assault shall be imprisoned for not more than one year or fined not more than \$1,000.00, or both. A person convicted of the crime of solicitation/procuring prostitution shall be fined not more than \$100.00 or may be imprisoned not more than one year.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual assault, there is support available. Even if the assault did not happen recently, there are resources to help you decide what is best for you, including free medical treatment, advocacy and support. You don't have to go through this alone. There is a whole community ready to support you. For more information, call the state-wide confidential hotline, 800-489-7273, or see the website for the VT Network against Sexual and Domestic Violence, [www.vtnetwork.org](http://www.vtnetwork.org).

Thank you,

Detective Sergeant Brian LaBarge

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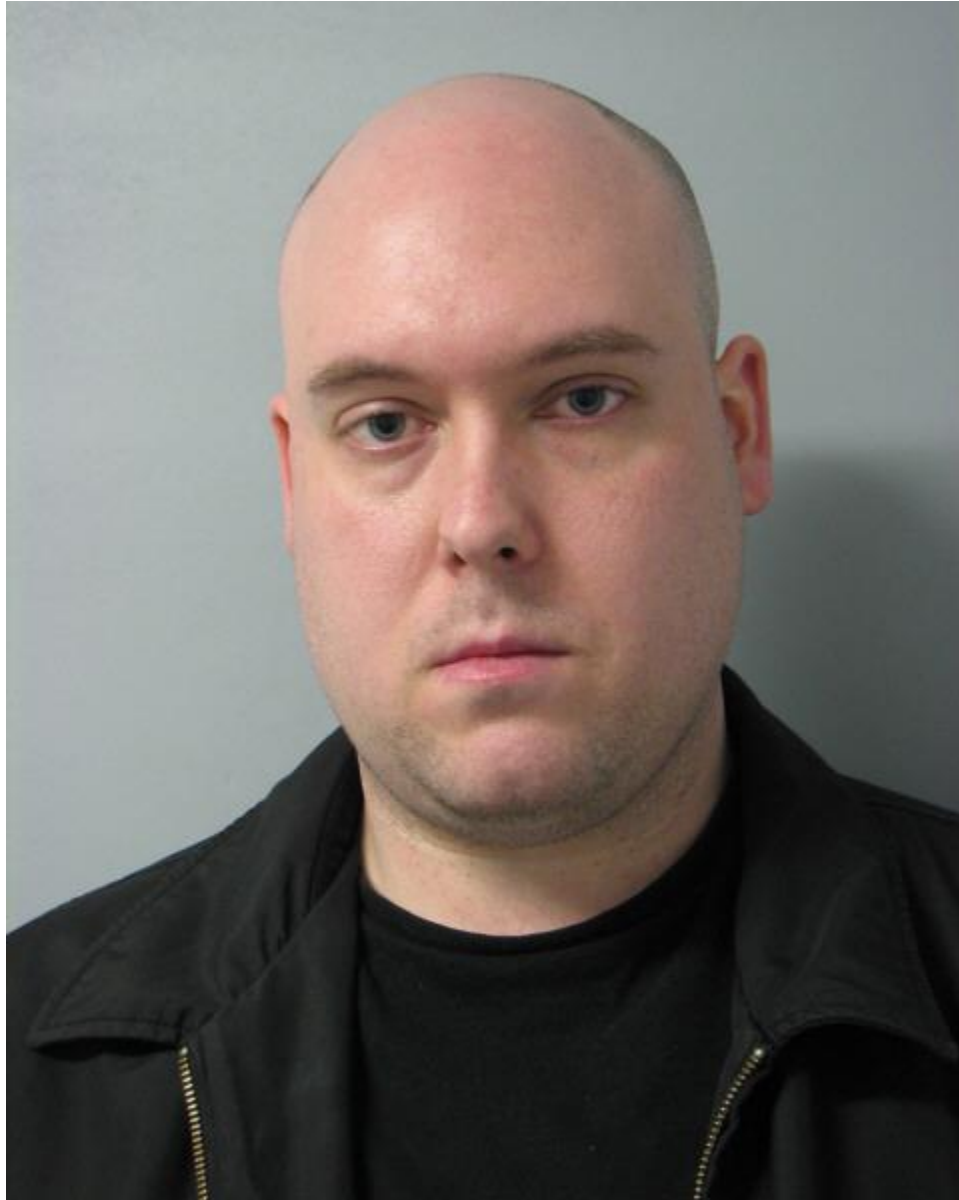
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