



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

Press Release
March 15, 2019

Update to Vermont State Police investigation of Burlington officer's use of force

This afternoon, the Vermont State Police named Burlington Police Officer Corey Campbell as the officer who responded to the UVM Medical Center Emergency Department on March 11th for a call of a disorderly male. The male was Douglas Kilburn, 54, of Northgate Avenue, Burlington. At the conclusion of the encounter, Kilburn punched Officer Campbell in the face, and Officer Campbell punched Kilburn in return, quickly subduing him. No weapons were involved in the exchange.

As stated in VSP's March 14th press release: "[Kilburn] was treated at the hospital for injuries sustained in the altercation and discharged on Tuesday, March 12. He received a citation for suspicion of disorderly conduct, assault on a law enforcement officer and trespassing. On Thursday afternoon, March 14, [Kilburn] was found deceased at his home in Burlington. Burlington police requested that the Vermont State Police respond to conduct an independent investigation into the incident."

Today's press release from the VSP named the actors in the incident and further stated "an autopsy was performed Friday at the Chief Medical Examiner's Office in Burlington. A final determination of the cause and manner of Mr. Kilburn's death is pending toxicology results, which can take several weeks. No additional information is currently available. Updates will be provided as soon as possible."

Officer Campbell will be on administrative leave until Monday, March 18th, when he will be placed on administrative duty as the investigation continues. He was hired by Burlington on July 19th, 2016. He has no disciplinary history and an unblemished record of service. The Vermont State Police continue have responsibility for investigating this incident, and inquires should be directed to their office.

Sincerely,
Brandon del Pozo
Chief of Police
Burlington, Vermont