



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Wanted felon	multiple	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
multiple	Burlington / Chittenden County	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
multiple	658-2704	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Sgt My Nguyen	DC Murad	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Shane M. Morrill	32	Colchester

**NARRATIVE:**

Over the past several months, the Burlington Police Department and neighboring police agencies have investigated numerous theft-related incidents involving a single common suspect. Investigations have identified that suspect as Shane M. Morrill, 32. Mr. Morrill is being sought for allegedly perpetrating a string of larcenies from motor vehicles as well as other criminal activities in Chittenden County.

A warrant has been issued for Mr. Morrill's arrest for the following charges:

- Burglary (1 Count – Felony)
- Identity Theft (9 Counts – Felony)
- Grand Larceny (2 Counts – Felony)
- Eluding Police (2 Counts – 1 Felony & 1 Misdemeanor)
- Careless & Negligent Operation (2 Counts – Misdemeanor)
- Petit Larceny (1 Count – Misdemeanor)
- False Pretenses (14 Counts – Misdemeanor)
- Credit Card Fraud (4 Counts – Misdemeanor)
- Buy / Receive / Sell / Possess / Conceal Stolen Property (3 Counts – Misdemeanor)
- Unlawful Mischief (3 Counts – Misdemeanor)
- Leaving the Scene of an Accident (3 Counts – Misdemeanor)
- Violation of Conditions of Release (2 Counts – Misdemeanor)
- Disorderly Conduct – Fight (1 Count – Misdemeanor)
- Retail Theft (1 Count – Misdemeanor)
- Driving with a Suspended License (4 Counts – Misdemeanor)

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There is a consistent pattern to Mr. Morrill's alleged crime spree. Motor vehicles are targeted and access is gained either by finding an unlocked door, or more often, by breaking a window. Valuable items are then taken from inside the vehicle that are likely to contain wallets, credit cards, money, and electronics such as laptops. Purchases are then made using the stolen credit and/or debit cards at local area stores. The purchases made on these stolen cards are often hundreds of dollars' worth of merchandise at a time. The victims' vehicles appear to be targeted based on the visible contents available inside the vehicle, purses and backpacks being the most targeted items. A number of incidents are in the vicinity of Oakledge Park, including Central Ave and Red Rocks Park in South Burlington, as well as throughout the greater Chittenden County area.

Shane M. Morrill has a lengthy history of law-enforcement contacts, including more than sixty in the past nine months. His criminal records show the following:

- 11 Failures to Appear at a court proceeding
- 13 felony charges with three convictions
- 49 misdemeanor charges with 32 convictions
- Four Assaultive Crimes charges with three convictions
- Three Escape charges

Neighbors can take precautions to minimize the likelihood of having property stolen. The Burlington Police Department urges neighbors to lock their vehicles, store their vehicle and house keys in locations other than their vehicles, and to ensure that objects of apparent value such as wallets, electronic items, sports equipment, backpacks, etc. are not left in vehicles in ways that leave them visible to thieves.

We are seeking information about the whereabouts of Shane M. Morrill, pictured at right, and we ask residents of Chittenden County with information relevant to these alleged incidents to contact the Burlington Police Department at 802-658-2704 or your local police department at its respective number.

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