



## Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations

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INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:
Sex Offender Registry Violation (Felony)	10/02/2019 at 1637
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:
19CUSI000092	Winooski, VT
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:
Detective Victor Bitca	802-652-6858
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:
Det. Sgt. Brian LaBarge	Det. Sgt. Brian LaBarge
SUSPECT:	AGE: SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Joseph A. Wright	40 Winooski, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:	

Mr. Wright was lodged at Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility on \$5,000 bail pending his arraigned this morning in Chittenden County Criminal Court.

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations (CUSI) was contacted by the Vermont Crime Information Center (VCIC) concerning a possible sex offender registry violation. Detective Bitca was notified that Joseph Wright, 40, of Winooski, VT was suspected to be out of compliance with his sex offender registry requirements. Specifically, Mr. Wright had not complied with his requirement to notify the VT sex offender registry of his current residence/change of address as required by Title 13 V.S.A. § 5407. Mr. Wright is required to register with the VT sex offender registry because of a previous conviction for felonious sexual assault in the State of New Hampshire in 2001.

As a result of his investigation, Detective Bitca and Officers from the Winooski Police Department located Mr. Wright and he was subsequently taking into custody for failing to comply with his sex offender registry requirements. Mr. Wright was lodged at Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility on \$5,000 bail pending his arraigned this morning in Chittenden County Criminal Court.

**Title 13 V.S.A.** § **5409**(b)- A sex offender who knowingly fails to comply with any provision of this subchapter for a period of more than five consecutive days shall be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than \$5,000.00, or both. A sentence imposed under this subsection shall run consecutively to any sentence being served by the sex offender at the time of sentencing.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual assault or domestic 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, <a href="https://www.vtnetwork.org">www.vtnetwork.org</a>.

Thank you

Detective Sergeant Brian LaBarge





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