



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Wanted Felon / Stolen Vehicle / Fraud / Eluding	September 14 TH , 2019 at approximately 1114 hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
19BU20405	Maple Street, Burlington VT	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Officer Palmateer	658-2704	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Sgt. My T. Nguyen / Update: DC Murad	DC Jon Murad	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Ian D. Gardner	32	Transient

NARRATIVE:

**** UPDATE, SATURDAY 10/5/2019 ****

On the morning of Saturday, October 5, 2019, Burlington Police received information from a citizen advising that a subject believed to be wanted by police was staying in a room at the North Star Motel in Shelburne, VT. Burlington Police Officers Palmateer, O’Leary, Cousins, and Gonzalez and Sergeant Nguyen responded to investigate further. They were joined by officers from the South Burlington Police Department and the Shelburne Police Department. When police arrived at the North Star Motel, a subject identified as Ian Gardner, 32, exited the room in question, observed the police presence, and immediately fled into the wooded area east of the motel. After a short foot pursuit Mr. Gardner was apprehended and taken into custody.

The Burlington Police Department thanks our colleagues at the South Burlington Police Department and our colleagues at the Shelburne Police Department for their assistance in the investigation. The Burlington Police Department also thanks our local media partners for their assistance in sharing our search for this suspect. I personally thank Sergeant My Nguyen for his dogged work on this case. Finally, the Burlington Police Department thanks the public for the calls and tips we received related to the investigation, including the one that led to Mr. Gardner’s apprehension. Public safety is a shared responsibility, and our neighbors proved it again today.

**** ORIGINAL PRESS RELEASE, TUESDAY 10/1/2019 ****

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On Saturday September 14th, 2019, at approximately 1114 hours, Officer Palmateer responded to an address on Maple Street for a report of a stolen vehicle. The victim's credit card was stolen along with the vehicle. Officer Palmateer's investigation revealed multiple fraudulent charges on the stolen credit card at various locations in Burlington and South Burlington, amounting to hundreds of dollars. Officer Palmateer was able to identify Ian D. Gardner, 32, as the individual suspected to be responsible for these multiple frauds.

On the morning of Monday, September 30th, 2019, Officer Palmateer located the stolen vehicle driving on Main Street and immediately recognized the operator as Ian D. Gardner. Officer Palmateer attempted to conduct a traffic stop but Mr. Gardner fled. Officer Palmateer attempted to follow the vehicle but quickly made a public safety decision to terminate the pursuit as Mr. Gardner drove the stolen vehicle in a careless and negligent manner at a high rate of speed.

On the morning of Tuesday, October 1st, 2019, South Burlington Police located the stolen vehicle driving in the area of Dorset Street. Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop with the stolen vehicle but the operator fled from police. Officers attempted to follow the vehicle but subsequently terminated the pursuit as the operator drove the vehicle in a careless and negligent manner, driving on the grass, driving on the opposite lane of traffic and driving in the wrong direction on Interstate 89.

The vehicle was later found abandoned at a location in Colchester.

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

- Eluding Law Enforcement Officer (Felony – One Count)
- Vehicle Operation Without Owner Consent (Felony – One Count)
- Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor (Misdemeanor – One Count)
- Credit Card Fraud (Misdemeanor – Six Counts)

Mr. Gardner is a convicted violent felon who is currently under the supervision of the Vermont Department of Corrections for Assault and Robbery with serious injuries resulting. On October 11th, 2013, he was sentenced to eight to 14 years for his conviction in the Assault and Robbery. He is heavily tattooed on his neck and face.

Neighbors can take precautions to minimize the likelihood of having property stolen. The Burlington Police Department urges neighbors to lock their vehicles, store their house keys in

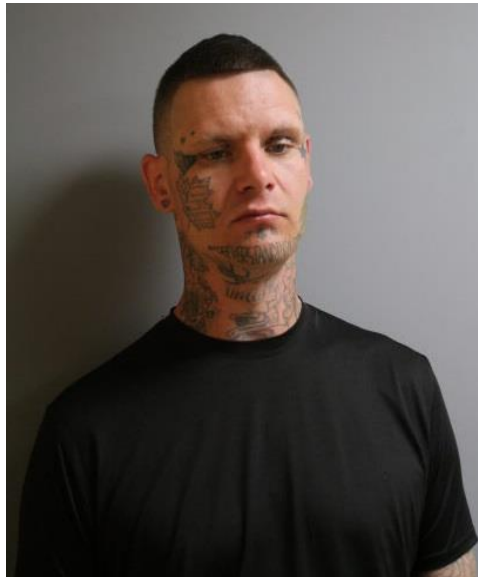
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locations other than their vehicles, and to ensure that objects of apparent value such as wallets, electronic items, sports equipment, backpacks, etc. are not left in vehicles in ways that leave them visible to thieves.

We are seeking information about the whereabouts of Ian D. Gardner. We ask residents of Chittenden County with information relevant to his whereabouts or this alleged incident to contact the Burlington Police Department at 802-658-2704 or your local police department at its respective number.



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