



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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| INCIDENT TYPE:  | DATE/TIME REPORTED:                   |                  |
| Multiple crimes   | 01/06/2020 1322 Hours                 |                  |
| INCIDENT NUMBER:  | LOCATION:                             |                  |
| 20BU000380  | City Market & Downtown Transit Center |                  |
| AUTHOR:   | APPROVED BY:                          |                  |
| DC Murad  | DC Murad                              |                  |
| SUSPECT:  | AGE:                                  | SUSPECT ADDRESS: |
| Justin Reynolds   | 32                                    | Undomiciled      |
| SUSPECT DISPOSITION:  |                                       |                  |
| Held for assault, assault on a police officer, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, and violation of condtions |                                       |                  |

**NARRATIVE:**

At approximately 1322 hours on Monday, January 6, Burlington Police Department dispatch received calls stating that a man had assaulted staff at City Market on S. Winooski Avenue. The suspect fled west towards Church Street. Officers responded and canvassed the area, locating the suspect at the Downtown Transit Center at St Paul Street and Pearl Street. They identified the suspect as Justin Reynolds, 32, a person known to officers from dozens of previous police encounters. One of those instances occurred on October 27, 2019, in which Mr. Reynolds smashed car windshields and bit an officer's leg, breaking skin.

During today's incident, upon officers' approach, Mr. Reynolds violently resisted officers' efforts to detain him. During this resistance, he kicked one officer in the head and spat in his face. Officers were able to gain control using appropriate force, and Mr. Reynolds was placed in a spit hood and taken into custody. He was positively identified by the victim from City Market, and was charged with simple assault, disorderly conduct, assault on a police officer, resisting arrest, and violation of conditions of release from a previous arrest. The injured officer was treated and released from the emergency department.

"Officers go out every day to keep Burlington safe," said acting Chief of Police Jon Murad. "But there are recidivists in the city whose recurring behavior puts officers, the public, and even the subjects themselves at risk. The work our officers do can be dangerous, as today's incident demonstrates. I'm proud of what they do to prevent and respond to crime and disorder with and for our neighbors."

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Mr. Reynolds has been lodged until he can be released to a responsible adult approved by the court, and will be arraigned tomorrow. His criminal history includes two failures to appear, four felony convictions, six misdemeanor convictions, and more than two dozen police involvements. He is currently on probation and he has four active, pending cases.

Anyone with additional information about this incident or other, potentially related crimes, is encouraged to contact the Burlington Police Department at (802) 685-2704.



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