



# CUSI

## Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations

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INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Aggravated Sexual Assault	September 1990/ September 2019	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
19BU020748/ 90BU28832	Burlington, 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:
Robert Richard Provost Jr.	56	Keeseville, NY
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
An extraditable arrest warrant was issued for Mr. Provost. At the request of CUSI, Investigators from the NY State Police-Plattsburg BCI arrested Mr. Provost. Mr. Provost was incarcerated at the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, New York pending extradition to Vermont.		

In September 2019, the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations (CUSI) was contacted by an individual who wanted to report they were repeatedly sexually assaulted as a child. The victim identified the offender as Robert Provost and advised these crimes took place in Burlington, VT. The victim further advised they believed Mr. Provost's conduct was previously reported by a relative to law enforcement in 1988 or 1989. The victim also advised they recently learned there was no statute of limitations for the crimes and as a result they wanted to come forward and report the abuse. Research of law enforcement records confirmed the victim's information. Records from the Burlington Police Department revealed an investigation resulting in the arrest/arraignment of Mr. Provost in September of 1990.

In September 1990, after a report was made to DCF (SRS at the time) by a family member, a Burlington Police Detective and an SRS social worker began investigating the report of sexual abuse against the victim by Mr. Provost. As a result of the subsequent investigation, Mr. Provost was arrested. On September 12<sup>th</sup>, 1990 Mr. Provost was arraigned in Chittenden County Superior Court on a charge of Lewd and Lascivious conduct. On November 27<sup>th</sup>, 1990 the criminal case against Mr. Provost was dismissed by the court without prejudice.

As a result of the victim coming forward and the subsequent investigation by CUSI Detectives, on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 a felony arrest warrant for the crime of Aggravated Sexual Assault-Victim less than 10 years old was issued for Mr. Robert R. Provost, Jr. On Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Mr. Provost was arrested at his home in Keeseville, NY by Investigators from the New York State Police- Plattsburg BCI office. Mr. Provost was incarcerated at the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, NY, pending his extradition to Vermont.



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A person convicted of the crime of aggravated sexual assault in violation of Title 13 V.S.A. § 3253a8 shall be imprisoned for an indeterminate life sentence in accordance with Title 13 V.S.A § 3271.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual 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, [www.vtnetwork.org](http://www.vtnetwork.org).

Thank you,

~~Detective Sergeant Brian LaBarge~~



**Robert Richard Provost Jr.**

*Det. Sgt. Brian LaBarge- Director, Veronica Rathgeb- CAC Director, Kim Staiano- DCF Investigator, Armina Medic - Victim Advocate, Mary Komondy- Administrative Assistant, Krystal Wrinn- Detective, David Hurwitch- Detective, Elizabeth Fellicardi- Detective, Mike Chistolini- Detective, Cassandra Ellison- Detective, Victor Bitca- Detective, Eric Dalla Mura- Detective*