



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

February 24, 2020

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Arson	February 24, 2020 / 12:31am	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION	
20BU00003893	Two locations near the intersection of Park St & Myrtle St in Burlington, Vermont	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Officer D. Lowndes	802-540-2227	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Lieutenant J. Lawson	Chief J. Morrison	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Henry Chalmers	51	Essex, Vermont
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Released on Conditions		

NARRATIVE

At approximately 12:30am on February 24, 2020, members of the Burlington Police and Fire Departments responded to a report of a fire in the area of 156 Park Street in Burlington, Vermont. Initial reports described that an individual throwing "fire bombs" caused the fire and that one of the incendiary device was still burning underneath a vehicle.

First responders located small fires in the area, one in a recycling bin and one underneath an unoccupied parked vehicle. Due to the attentiveness of residents in the area at the time of the incident, information collected on scene identified a suspect and a suspect vehicle. An officer assisting with this investigation located a vehicle matching the description shortly after the incident was reported. Following a motor vehicle stop, officers identified the single occupant as Henry Chalmers, 51 yo, of Essex, Vermont.

Based on probable cause developed by the police, Mr. Chalmers was arrested and transported to the Burlington Police Department for processing. Mr. Chalmers was charged with two (2) counts of Second Degree Arson [T13 VSA 503] as well as one (1) count of Recklessly Endangering a Person [T13 VSA 1025.] Mr. Chalmers was released on conditions and scheduled for an arraignment at 10:30am on February 24, 2020 at the Chittenden County District Court located at 32 Cherry St. in Burlington, VT.

Mr. Chalmers has ten (10) prior misdemeanor charges and two (2) felony charges.

The Burlington Police would like to thank the citizens involved in the early morning incident for their quick call for emergency services and attention to detail, which aided in the safe apprehension of Mr. Chalmers.

Anyone with additional information about this incident is encouraged to call Officer Lowndes at the Burlington Police at 802-540-2227.