



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE: Aggravated Operating without Owners Consent (Stolen Vehicle)/ DUI refusal/Criminal Driving while license Suspended, Violation of Pre-trial Conditions of Release	DATE/TIME REPORTED: Thursday March 5, 2020/1118 hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER: 20BU004615	LOCATION 111 Colchester Ave/187 Pearl St	
INVESTIGATOR: Officer Padric Hartnett #351	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT: 802-540-2351	
AUTHOR: Lt. Wade Labrecque	APPROVED BY: DC John Murad	
VICTIM:	AGE:	VICTIM ADDRESS:
SUSPECT: Sheila A Cochones	AGE: 50	SUSPECT ADDRESS: Burlington
SUSPECT DISPOSITION: Arrested - at the time of this media release she is still being processed at the Burlington Police Department		

NARRATIVE

On March 5, 2020 at approximately 1118 hours Burlington Police Officers were simultaneously dispatched to stolen vehicle at 187 Pearl Street and a motor vehicle crash at the entrance to the UVM Medical Center at 111 Colchester Avenue.

Officer's arriving on scene of the stolen vehicle, a black Acura spoke with the owner, who stated she left her vehicle running behind 187 Pearl St while she picked up an item. She observed the suspect, Cochones, who she recognized through previous interactions standing nearby. When she returned she observed her motor vehicle headed east on Pearl St and no longer observed Cochones in the area.

Officer arriving on scene in front of the hospital entrance observed four motor vehicles scattered across the roadway from the front of the hospital entrance to the entrance of Fletcher Place, a distance of approximately 390 feet. Witnesses at the hospital entrance reported observing a black Acura traveling east at a high rate of speed. While the Acura was attempting to pass other vehicles it sideswiped an eastbound vehicle, became partially airborne, and struck a westbound vehicle almost head on. The Acura then struck a third vehicle head on, careened off that vehicle coming to rest, after striking a tree, on the north side of the Colchester Ave near the entrance to Fletcher Place. Responding officers recognized Cochones as she was being extracted from the Acura by Burlington Fire Department personnel.

Cochones and a pregnant passenger from one of the vehicles Cochones struck were transported to



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UVM Medical Center Emergency room as a precaution. Cochones was released from the hospital and taken to the Burlington Police Department for DUI processing. Investigating officers learned Cochones privilege to operate a motor vehicle in the State of Vermont is currently criminally suspended for DUI #2 – criminal refusal. At the time of her arrest Cochones has 29 Active Pre-trial conditions – to include not to possess or drink alcohol.

Cochones has 15 failure to appear at court proceedings, 7 felony convictions and 22 misdemeanor convictions. Cochones has had over 336 contacts with Vermont law enforcement since 2012, the majority occurring in the city of Burlington.

All information is preliminary and subject to change.

