**MEDIA RELEASE**

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| INCIDENT TYPE: | DATE/TIME REPORTED:  |
|  Police Canine Search and Rescue Track | March 25, 2020 0440 hours |
| INCIDENT NUMBER:  | LOCATION |
| 20BU005892 | Shelburne  |
| INVESTIGATOR: | INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:  |
| Canine Officer Geno Baccaglini and K9 Billy |  |
| AUTHOR: | APPROVED BY: |
| Lt. Wade Labrecque | Chief Jennifer Morrison |
| VICTIM:  | AGE: | VICTIM ADDRESS: |
| Elderly male | 79 |  |
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| SUSPECT DISPOSITION: |   |
| Located  |

**NARRATIVE**

In the early morning hours of Wednesday March 25, 2020 Shelburne Police Department requested the Burlington Police Department’s Canine Unit to assist in locating a missing elderly male with dementia. The male had left his residence without shoes or a jacket with the air temperature hovering at 22 degrees. Shelburne Officers attempted to follow the tracks the male left in the snow but they had run out before he was located.

Canine Officer Geno Baccaglini and Canine Billy arrived on scene shortly thereafter. Using a scent article provided by the wife of the male Canine Billy began to track. Approximately ½ mile later Canine Billy located the male hidden in the brush 15 feet down an embankment next to a stream. The male was semiconscious and in the early stages of hypothermia. The male was transported to the hospital for evaluation of hypothermia and frostbite.

It is certain with the distance the male had traveled from his residence, his location completely hidden down an embankment, if not for Canine Billy he would not have been located before he suffered life threatening exposure to the elements.