



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Aggravated assault, Assault on a Police Officer, Resisting Arrest, Simple Assault	09/08/2020 1544 Hours 09/09/2020 1114 Hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
20BU017268 & 20BU017306	Battery Park; Downtown Transit Center	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Acting Chief Murad	Acting Chief Murad	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Dujuan Williams	26	Undomiciled, Burlington
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Arrested, released on conditions		

NARRATIVE:

On Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at approximately 1544 hours, police officers responded to a report of a male having a seizure after being assaulted in Battery Park. Officers encountered a male who allegedly had been kicked in the head. Officers were approached by an individual associated with the ongoing protest in Battery Park who identified himself as a trained police liaison. He informed officers that none of the people present would speak with police. The Burlington Fire Department transported the victim to the University of Vermont Medical Center for treatment.

During a subsequent interview at the hospital, the victim stated he has been staying in a tent in Battery Park. He identified his attacker as Dujuan Williams, 26, a person who is known to him. He stated that Mr. Williams had kicked him in the head several times. The victim stated he had been struck by the same assailant the previous night, and had received treatment and assistance at a medical tent associated with the protest.

On Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at approximately 1114 hours, police dispatchers received a report of a man trying to assault another man with a stick in the vicinity of Pearl Street and St Paul Street. Two officers responded and spoke with witnesses and viewed video surveillance. These indicated that the suspect, identified as Mr. Williams, confronted a then-unidentified man, and then began hitting that man in the head with a 1.5' stick that had screws and staples protruding from it. The victim retreated towards a grey Honda Civic, which was parked on Pearl

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Street. He produced a long item, possibly a machete, and held it at his side while the suspect continued to yell at him and eventually threw the stick at him. As the victim attempted to leave in the car, a third man in the vehicle pointed a possible firearm at Mr. Williams before both he and the victim drove off.

As officers viewed footage at the Transit Center, Mr. Williams returned to the bus stop. Officers endeavored to take him into custody for the aggravated assault with the stick as well as the previous assault in Battery Park. Mr. Williams violently resisted arrest. He injured both of the officers, causing a laceration to one officer that resulted in the officer's blood being smeared on the police cruiser during the struggle. Mr. Williams had to be placed in a spit mask upon being taken into custody.

Mr. Williams has no criminal conviction history in the State of Vermont, but has multiple criminal charges out of New York State, including resisting arrest and assault. Since May 2020, Mr. Williams has had thirty police involvements in Burlington, including multiple disturbances and instances of disorderly conduct. Over the past several days, his conduct has become more dangerous. He was taken to court, arraigned on several cases including this one, and was given conditions of release.

The victim was subsequently located and was determined to have physical injuries from the attack.



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Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Burlington Police Department at (802) 658-2704.



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