



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Motor Vehicle Crash/Leaving the Scene of an Accident	12-21-2020 / 23:56	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
20BU023170	Shelburne Road Rotary at Locust Street	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Officer Montalvo	802-658-2134	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Lieutenant Jason Lawson	Chief Jon Murad	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Krissee Ward-Arnold	20	Chittenden County Vermont
VICTIM DISPOSITION:		
Cited to appear in court in April 2021 for the following charges: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Driving Under the Influence- First offense T23VSA1201- Negligent Operation – T23VSA1091- Leaving Scene Of An Accident – T23 VSA 1128- Violation Of Conditions Of Release – T13 VSA 7559		

NARRATIVE:

At approximately 23:56 hours on Monday December 21, 2020, the Burlington Police Department Emergency Communication Center received a call advising of a vehicle observed traveling northbound on Shelburne Road at a high rate of speed. The caller stated that the vehicle was involved in a significant crash and the operator fled the area on foot.

Due to the severity and unknown nature of the crash, and the need to account for scene preservation and possible patient care, multiple police officers from the Burlington Police Department along with members of Burlington Fire & Rescue responded to the scene. The vehicle was located off the roadway north of the Shelburne Road Rotary with significant damage. No operator was present at that time.

The initial investigations determined that the vehicle appeared to have been traveling north on Shelburne Road at a high rate of speed when it collided with the rotary median. While traveling over the median, possibly becoming airborne, it collided with at least one street sign and upon impact caused all four tires to burst. One tire separated completely from the vehicle. The

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vehicle then continued to travel and finally come to rest approximately 200' from the point of impact.

Officers were able to determine that the operator was 20-year-old Krissee Ward-Arnold of Burlington, VT. She was taken into custody, processed and released to appear in court in April 2021. Her charges included:

- Driving Under The Influence- First offense T23 VSA 1201
- Negligent Operation – T23 VSA 1091
- Leaving Scene Of An Accident – T23 VSA 1128
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While the law allows the BPD only to charge 'first offense' with regard to the driving-under-the-influence allegation, a search of Ms. Ward-Arnold's criminal history indicated that she has two pending Driving Under The Influence charges stemming from incidents in 2019 and 2020.

Anyone who may have information related to this incident is encouraged to contact Officer Montalvo. He can be contact at the Burlington Police Department at (802) 658-2704.

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