



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Agency Assist	February 14, 2021 1411 hrs	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
21BU001870	Waterfront	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Officer Byrne	802-540-2345	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Lt. J. Young	Chief Murad	
Victim	AGE:	Victim ADDRESS:
Amir Basnet	22	South Burlington, VT.

NARRATIVE:

On Sunday, February 14, at approximately 2:11 PM, Burlington Police Dispatch received calls from multiple callers who reported that a man had fallen through the ice, approximately 40 feet from shore in the vicinity of the ECHO Leahy Center. Witnesses attempted to help but the man was trapped under the ice. Officers from the Burlington Police Department and members of the Burlington Fire Department responded and were able to remove the man from the lake and begin resuscitation efforts. The man was transported to the University of Vermont Medical Center where he later succumbed to injuries related to this accident. The victim has been identified as Amir Basnet, 22, of South Burlington. The BPD offers its deep condolences to Mr. Basnet's family and friends.

The BPD reminds neighbors that no ice is safe ice. There are always risks in walking on frozen surfaces, particularly in the vicinity of open water. Clear ice is much stronger than "snow ice," or white ice. Dark ice can be an indication that the ice is thin. Four or more inches of clear ice is needed to support human weight. If you don't know the thickness of the ice, don't venture out.

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

Information is preliminary and subject to change.