



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Missing Person	06/28/2021 1556 Hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
21BU009643	Vicinity of 3181 North Avenue	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Chief Murad	Chief Murad	
MISSING PERSON:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Barry Nelson	73	Essex Junction

NARRATIVE:

At approximately 1556 hours on Monday, June 28, dispatchers at the Burlington Police Department received word of a man in the water in Lake Champlain. First responders from the Burlington Police Department, the Burlington Fire Department, the Colchester Police Department, Colchester Technical Rescue, and the United States Coast Guard responded to a report of a missing person in the water near the mouth of the Winooski River. A witness observed a man attempting to sail a small sailboat from the north shore towards the south shore, in the vicinity of Charlie's Boathouse. The witness observed the man fall into the water and did not see him come up. The sailboat drifted to the north shore. First responders arrived and divers entered the water and began to do a methodical search of the area. A USCG helicopter responded from Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod in Massachusetts and joined the search. Despite best efforts over several hours, responders were unable to locate the missing person this evening. It is anticipated that the Vermont State Police will join the operation and resume the search tomorrow.

The missing person has been identified as Barry Nelson, 73, of Essex Junction. 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.