**MEDIA RELEASE**

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| INCIDENT TYPE:  | DATE/TIME REPORTED:  |
| Aggravated Assault | July 14, 2021 |
| INCIDENT NUMBER:  | LOCATION:  |
| 21BU010805 | Church St and Pearl St |
| INVESTIGATOR:  | INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:  |
| Ofc. McGee | (802) 540-2385 |
| AUTHOR:  | APPROVED BY: |
| Sgt. Michael Henry | Lt. Brownell |
| SUSPECT:  | AGE: | SUSPECT ADDRESS: |
| William Farnsworth | 32 |   |
| SUSPECT DISPOSITION:  |   |
| William Farnsworth was taking into custody for **Aggravated Assault** in accordance to Title 13 VSA 1024. Farnsworth was lodged on $7,500 bail at the Northwest Correctional Facility. Farnsworth will be arraigned on the criminal charge on July 15, 2021 at 1030 in Vermont Superior Court-32 Cherry St, Burlington.  |

**NARRATIVE:**

On 14 July 2021, at approximately 2256 hours, The Burlington Police Department’s Dispatch Center received a 911 call from a male reporting that he was assaulted by a known male in the face with an unknown object.

Officers arrived on the scene and met with the victim who had a significant amount of blood on his shirt and injury to his face. The victim identified his attacker as William Farnsworth, age 32. Farnsworth was located by Officers a few blocks away. Officers recovered brass knuckles from Farnsworth’s person which may have been used to assault the victim. The victim was transported to the University of Vermont Medical Center’s emergency department for medical treatment.

Farnsworth was taking into custody and transported back to the Burlington Police Department. Farnsworth’s escalated his violent behavior with Officers when he attempted to break out the cruiser windows by kicking them.

Farnsworth was lodged on an emergency affidavit and transported to Northwest Correctional Facility where he was lodged on $7,500 bail. Farnsworth will appear in court to answer the criminal charge of Aggravated Assault.

Farnsworth is known to the Burlington Police Department with approximately 165 police contacts since 2013. Farnsworth’s criminal history shows he has been charged with 2 dangerous/deadly weapons charges and 1 Assault on Law Enforcement Officer. He has 10 charges of assaultive crimes, with 8 of those being convicted. Additionally, Farnsworth has been charged with 22 misdemeanor crimes, 12 of which have been convicted, and 2 felony charges with 1 conviction.

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