



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Simple Assault, Aggravated Assault Attempted 2 nd Degree Murder	June 21, 2021 at 03:24 hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
21BU009143	Main Street / South Winooski Avenue	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Senior Officer Zachary P. Beal #364	658-2700 x8	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Sr. Ofc. Zachary P. Beal	Sgt. Michael Henry	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
George U. Mnyonge John Doe	31	
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Mnyonge arrested and lodged for lack of bail for charges of Simple and Aggravated Assault Additional suspect wanted for Attempted 2 nd Degree Murder still at large		

NARRATIVE:

****UPDATE TO INITIAL MEDIA RELEASE – ORIGINAL CONTAINED BELOW****

The Burlington Police Department is once again asking for public assistance in regards to locating an attempted homicide suspect responsible for striking a male in the skull repeatedly, resulting in multiple fractures, near the intersection of Main Street and South Winooski Avenue during the early morning hours of June 21, 2021. Since the BPD first disseminated a media release pertaining to 21BU009143 on July 1, 2021, camera footage showing the still at large suspect has been located, incorporated below:

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Initial canvasses of the area did not identify the camera responsible for recording the suspect due to the fact that his initial path of travel was previously described to be different than the route taken. Since verifying the suspect's true path of travel, it has been learned that after leaving the scene on Main Street the male proceeded south on South Winooski Avenue, turning east onto King Street and proceeding towards South Union Street.

If any member of the public has information pertaining to the identity or whereabouts of the individual pictured, please contact the Burlington Police Department at (802) 658-2704.

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****INITIAL MEDIA RELEASE DATED JULY 1, 2021****

On June 21, 2021 at approximately 03:24 hours, Burlington Police officers responded to the area of Main Street and South Winooski Avenue for a report of a disturbance. Despite evidence of a physical altercation to include obvious injury to parties present and a substantial amount of blood in the roadway, individuals on scene were uncooperative and berated police upon their arrival. A female on scene advised that a male had been “kicked in the head,” but that he had left prior to officers arriving on scene. With no victim present to be identified, officers remained on scene while the group in question dispersed and eventually returned to patrol.

On June 22, 2021 at approximately 07:43 hours, a male contacted the Burlington Police Department advising that his son had been involved in the altercation and had been assaulted. The father of the victim advised that his son was presently at the hospital awaiting surgery to rectify injuries sustained as a result of being assaulted.

Interviews with both the victim and the victim’s girlfriend yielded information that both had been assaulted on the morning of June 21, 2021 in the area of Main Street and South Winooski Avenue. The female victim sustained minor injuries, while the male victim was in fact awaiting surgical procedures to reconstruct multiple skull fractures. Based on statements provided by both parties, it was learned that the male victim had been struck repeatedly in the head by one male with a cast and had sustained multiple “curb stomps” to the head from another male while lying on the pavement unconscious.

Through additional interviews and investigative work, the Burlington Police Department identified George U. Mnyonge of Burlington, VT as the individual who had assaulted both the male and female victims on the morning of June 21, 2021. Investigation determined that Mnyonge had used a forearm cast as a weapon to inflict intentional injury to both victims.

Since initial victim interviews were conducted on June 22, 2021, the male victim has had to undergo invasive reconstruction surgery to address the injuries he sustained as a result of being “curb stomped.” The male currently has metal plates affixed to his skull to aid in the reconstruction process, and his jaw has been wired shut.

Mnyonge was located on the evening of June 25, 2021, and was subsequently arrested for the criminal offenses of Simple and Aggravated Assault in violation of Title 13 V.S.A. 1023 and

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1024. Mnyonge was lodged at the Northwest Correctional Facility for lack of a \$1,500 bail, and was scheduled to be arraigned in Chittenden Criminal Court on June 28, 2021. During transport to corrections, Mnyonge broke free of his restraints and attempted to break down the partition separating the backseat of a marked Burlington Police Cruiser and the driver's compartment.

At this time, the male who "curb stomped" the male victim repeatedly is wanted on charges of Attempted 2nd Degree Murder. As of the issuance of this media release, the identity of this second male suspect is unknown, identified only as a skinnier black male approximately 5'6"-5'8" and having been seen wearing a black brand name hoodie with a white t-shirt underneath, dark pants, and dark shoes. The male was last seen walking from the area of 199 Main Street towards the Champlain Farms at 219 Main Street shortly before the arrival of officers on the morning of June 21, 2021.

With the identity of the second male suspect still unknown, the Burlington Police Department is requesting the assistance of the public in identifying him. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Burlington Police Department at (802) 658-2704.

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