



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Aggravated Assault with Hate Motivated Crime	July 31, 2021 at 0944 hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
21BU011928	Battery Park	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Cpl. J. Cousins	(802) 540-2282	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Sgt. Michael Henry	Sgt. Michael Henry	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Matthew Kaigle	33	Burlington, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Kaigle's whereabouts is unknown at this time.		

NARRATIVE:

Burlington Police are asking the public for help with locating Matthew Kaigle as his whereabouts is unknown. The public is asked to call BPD if Kaigle is seen. Please do not approach Kaigle due to his erratic violent behavior.

On July 31, 2021, at approximately 0944 hours, Burlington Police Dispatch Center received a 911 call regarding an assault occurring in Battery Park. The caller stated there was one male on the ground who appeared to be unconscious.

Officers collected evidence and interviewed witnesses. It was learned the suspect fled the area in a White Chevy pickup truck prior to police arriving on scene. Preliminary investigation revealed Kaigle approached a male in the center of Battery Park. The witness stated Kaigle punched the male multiple times as he sat on the bench, causing the victim to fall to the ground. The witness advised Kaigle proceeded to kick the male in the head multiple times as he laid on the ground. The victim left on foot prior to police arrival. Officers were able to locate the victim nearby and obtain a sworn statement. The victim said prior to Kaigle assaulting him, Kaigle made malicious motivated statements of the victim's perceived race/color. The victim declined medical treatment.

Information is preliminary and subject to change.

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Officers were able to identify Matthew Kaigle, age 33, as the suspect. Kaigle is seen in surveillance video walking to his truck after the assault. Kaigle is seen entering his truck that was parked on the Southside of the Burlington Police Department. Kaigle has had multiple law enforcement contacts in the last several months and is well known to law enforcement.

Kaigle's criminal history showed 1 Violation of Court Ordered or Conditions (0 conviction), 11 Felonies charges (2 convictions), 11 Misdemeanor charges (5 convictions), 1 Assault of Law Enforcement, 1 Dangerous/Deadly Weapon related charges, and 4 violations of Probation/Parole charges (0 conviction).

Kaigle has had 26 law enforcement encounters since January 2021. In May 2021, Kaigle was arrested for Aggravated Assault when he used his vehicle as a battering-ram to move another vehicle out of the way that was blocking an exit to a parking lot. In July 2021, Kaigle was a person of interest in a fight in which Kaigle retrieved a sledge hammer, threatening the other male. Kaigle has displayed many violent tendency towards the public in recent months unfortunately the victims did not want to cooperative with Police due to fear of retaliation from Kaigle.

Investigation is still pending and this is preliminary information being released and is subject to change pending new information or leads.

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

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