



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Shooting	07/31/2021 0315 Hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
21BU011916	Simon's Downtown, S Winooski Ave	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Detective Corporal Kratochvil	540-2308	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Det. Kratochvil	DC Murad	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Unknown		Unknown
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
At large		

**NARRATIVE:**

Last night, at approximately 0315 hours, police received reports of a shooting with multiple people firing at each other (i.e., "a shootout"). Officers responded to Simon's Mobil on South Winooski Ave, across from City Market. Witnesses described three black males fleeing in a truck after the gunfire. Earlier in the evening, officers had dealt with a disturbance and recognized the description of the truck. Canvassing officers quickly located and attempted to stop the truck. The truck attempted to elude officers and, during the evasion, an occupant discarded a handgun from the moving vehicle. Eventually the truck stopped behind 90 Pearl Street where officers detained two black males and a black female. Further, officers located a bag containing a sizable amount crack cocaine directly in front of the truck.

One of these males had been a resident of the house on Plattsburg Avenue, which had been shot with numerous bullets last August while children slept inside. The other male was a shooting victim last September, when he arrived at UVMHC with two bullet wounds in his legs, in an incident potentially related to the back-and-forth gunfire incidents that occurred during late summer 2020.

Detectives were called out to investigate the shooting. Based on interviews and video evidence, they determined there was a physical fight between the two males in the truck and a third black male from another vehicle. When a male from the truck hit the third male in the head with a fist, the third male produced a gun and fired a bullet at the attacker, missing him.

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Subsequently, both males from the truck began firing guns back at the third male, missing him too. The third male ran away on foot and was chased by the other two males.

This third male has not been identified by police, and BPD is seeking assistance from the public in identifying this suspect. The suspect is seen in the video as being a black male, wearing dark shorts with a light colored stripe down the sides, white shoes, a white zippered jacket/sweatshirt over a white t-shirt. This suspect had arrived in a light colored SUV that is likely a silver Nissan Rogue. The Nissan Rogue was driven away by an unknown person after the shooting.

It is important to note that the timestamp on the video from Simon's does not reflect the actual time of the shooting.

Burlington Police would like to thank South Burlington Police, Colchester Police, and University of Vermont Police for responding to Burlington calls for service, such as domestic assaults, while Burlington Officers were addressing this shooting.

Detectives are actively investigating this case and collecting additional video from the area which will likely produce additional footage of the suspect.

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

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