



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

<b>INCIDENT TYPE:</b>	<b>DATE/TIME REPORTED:</b>
Gunfire incident	08/07/2021 0136 Hours
<b>INCIDENT NUMBER:</b>	<b>LOCATION:</b>
21BU012411	S Winooski Ave and Bank St

**NARRATIVE:**

On Saturday morning, August 7, 2021, at approximately 0136 hours, Burlington Police Dispatch received multiple reports of a fight and gunshots in the street in the vicinity of the Simons gas station, at the intersection of S Winooski Avenue and Bank Street. Officers in the vicinity also heard the gunfire and responded. Witnesses in the vicinity described a large fight among ten to twelve people, during which a shot or shots had been fired.

As officers interviewed witnesses and collected evidence, they observed a second altercation in the parking lot of City Market, directly across the street. Officers approached and issued hard commands at gunpoint and temporarily detained several young men. (Among them was an individual associated with an incident from last summer involving gunfire in Oakledge Park, described in a BPD press release dated August 14, 2020.) Of the individuals detained, officers were able to use video and statements to identify one as having been involved in the precipitating fight: Ricky J. Gouveia, 24. Officers cited him for disorderly conduct and released him at the scene. Another one of the detained individuals was determined to be incapacitated and was transported to a detoxification facility.

Officers recovered evidence supporting the discharge of a firearm at the scene, and detectives are now investigating this gunfire incident. A gunfire incident is one in which police have probable cause that a firearm was discharged in the City of Burlington and reasonable suspicion that it was discharged at another person or in a reckless manner. (This excludes suicides by firearm, self-inflicted gunshot wounds, and hunting discharges, although such discharges are nevertheless unlawful in Burlington.) From 2012 to 2019, the annual average of gunfire incidents was two. In 2020 there were a dozen gunfire incidents. This is the tenth gunfire incident of 2021. The identity of the person who discharged the firearm is currently unknown, as are the identities of other persons involved in the fight, and 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.*