



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Assault and Robbery	October 10, 2021 at 1924 hrs.	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
21BU017058	500 Riverside Avenue, Shell Gas Station.	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Ofc. Kirby #379	(802) 540-2379	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Sgt. Michael Henry		
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Ben Webb	38	Middlebury, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Ben Webb was identified as a suspect in the Assault and Robbery of Shell Gas Station located at 500 Riverside Ave, in the City of Burlington, VT. Webb is charged in accordance to Title 13 VSA 608 . Webb is currently being held on \$5,000 bail at Northwest Correctional Facility on unrelated charges stemming from a Colchester Police Department incident where Webb was arrested after a police pursuit and other armed robberies in surrounding Towns.		

NARRATIVE:

On October 10, 2021 at approximately 1924 hours, Burlington Police Officers responded to a 911 call of a retail theft that occurred at the Shell Gas Station located at 500 Riverside Avenue.

Officers arrived on scene and interviewed the witness and obtained surveillance video. **The suspect was later identified as Ben Webb, age 38.** It was determined that the retail theft was an Assault and Robbery that had occurred. The store employee suffered a wrist injury from Webb, who forcefully reach around a plastic barrier and grabbed the victim's wrist when the victim attempted to stop Webb from stealing a pack of cigarettes. Webb made statements that he was going to assault the victim and "knock him out."

In reviewing store's surveillance footage, Officers observed Webb forcefully reaching around the plastic barrier that separates the customers and the employee. Webb is able to grab the pack of cigarettes located behind the counter. Webb exits the store with a 30 pack of beer and a pack of cigarettes without paying for the items. Webb is seen entering the driver's side of a green Jeep and leaving the scene.

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Investigating Officers learned the Assault and Robbery actually occurred at 1757 hours from the time stamped on the surveillance video. Officers later learned that night, Webb was arrested by Colchester Police Department that resulted in a police pursuit and other armed robberies in surrounding Towns.

Burlington Police was able to identify Webb as the suspect through the clothing he was wearing at the time of the Shell Gas Station Assault and Robbery to his clothing he was wearing when arrested by Colchester Police Department. Webb was held on an additional \$2,500.00 bail set forth by the Honorable Judge. Webb will be arraigned in Vermont Superior Courthouse on October 12, 2021 at 1030 hours for the Assault and Robbery.

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

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

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