



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Multiple Acts of Vandalism	10/22/2021 at approximately 10:26 hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
21BU017873	Maple Street / South Champlain Street	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Officer Palmateer	658-2704	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Lieutenant My T. Nguyen	Chief Jon Murad	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Patrick M. Cristaldi	34	Burlington, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:	Jailed at Northwest State Correctional Facility	

NARRATIVE:

On Friday, October 22, 2021, at approximately 1026 hours, Burlington police officers responded to the area of Maple Street at South Champlain Street for a report of a male committing multiple acts of vandalism. A caller reported that a male, armed with a knife, was slashing vehicle tires in the area of the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO). While officers were responding to the scene, dispatch also advised of a panic alarm being activated at the CVOEO offices.

Officers arrived on scene and observed that CVOEO's glass door was damaged, apparently by a rock. Officer located multiple vehicles that had their tires slashed with what appeared to be a blade instrument. Upon interviewing witnesses and viewing surveillance video, officers were able identify Patrick M. Cristaldi, 34, as the alleged perpetrator.

Canvassing officers located Mr. Cristaldi several blocks away where he was taken into custody without incident. During the encounter with Mr. Cristaldi, he made multiple mentions to police about "harming people" in an attempt to teach society a lesson.

Mr. Cristaldi is being charged with one count of felony and four counts of misdemeanor Unlawful Mischief. Mr. Cristaldi currently has active conditions of release from multiple vandalism charges late last month, including damage to a private vehicle near City Hall Park and

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damage to City Hall's Contois Auditorium. Police contacted a judge and Mr. Cristaldi was ordered to be lodged at the Northwest State Correctional Facility for lack of responsible adult.

Mr. Cristaldi's criminal record in Vermont shows two (2) felony convictions, one (1) misdemeanor conviction, and one (1) dangerous / deadly weapon-related charge. Mr. Cristaldi's felony convictions were for the charges of Aggravated Assault (2007) and First Degree Aggravated Domestic Assault (2005). Mr. Cristaldi's misdemeanor conviction was for the charge of Domestic Assault (2005).

It should be noted that in recently months, Burlington Police have seen an increase in vandalism incidents, to include multiple vehicles that had tires slashed in neighborhoods near the scene of today's vandalism. From 01/01/2021 to 10/22/2021, as of 1700 hours, the BPD has recorded 289 incidents of vandalism, up from 206 incidents during the same time frame in 2020 and up from 221 incidents during the same time frame in 2019.

The Burlington Police Department requests anyone with information about this incident or other acts of vandalism, particularly in Burlington's South End, to contact Officer Palmateer, Corporal Moyer, or the Burlington Police Department at 802-658-2704.

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