



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Drug trafficking / sales	03/10/2022	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
22BU001955	Burlington, S. Burlington	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Detective Zach Beal	658-2364	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Det. Sgt Mike Beliveau	Det. Lt Jim Trieb	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Melvin Hill	42	Georgia
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Detained without bail pending trial per U.S. Magistrate Judge Kevin Doyle		

NARRATIVE:

During the course of a lengthy narcotics investigation, detectives with the Burlington Police Department made multiple controlled purchases of fentanyl from Melvin Hill, 42, of the state of Georgia. On the morning of March 10th, 2022, the Burlington Police Department Emergency Response Unit apprehended Mr. Hill without incident. They recovered a loaded pistol from his waistband and crack cocaine from his person.

Investigators executed subsequent search warrants in Burlington and South Burlington and recovered a large amount of heroin/fentanyl, hundreds of pills containing fentanyl, powder cocaine, and methamphetamine. They also found approximately \$13,000 in cash.

Mr. Hill has a prior federal conviction for conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine as well as extensive drug convictions out of the state of Georgia.

The case has been referred to the U.S. Attorney's Office for federal prosecution. If convicted, Mr. Hill faces up to 20 years of imprisonment and a fine of up to \$1,000,000 (the actual sentence would be determined with reference to federal sentencing guidelines). The BPD would like to thank the DEA of Vermont for their assistance in this investigation.

Information is preliminary and subject to change.



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

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