



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

<b>INCIDENT TYPE:</b>	<b>DATE/TIME REPORTED:</b>
Heineberg Bridge 2 vehicle head on collision	March 28, 2022 at 1301
<b>INCIDENT NUMBER:</b>	<b>LOCATION:</b>
22BU004149	Heineberg Bridge
<b>INVESTIGATOR:</b>	<b>INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:</b>
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**UPDATED PRESS RELEASE from original press release on March 26, 2022**

**NARRATIVE:**

On March 26, 2022 at approximately 1301 hours, Burlington Police Department responded to multiple 911 calls of a two car head-on collision on the Heineberg Bridge. The Heineberg Bridge connects Route 127 (known as the Beltline) in Burlington to the Town of Colchester.

The investigation has identified the operators and passengers involved in the accident. The preliminary investigation has revealed the following through witness statements and collection of evidence.

Officers learned that a 2019 black Kia Forte was being operated by 25 year old, Antony Wathugi, of Williston, VT. Mr. Wathugi was traveling northbound on Route 127 (Beltline) when he attempted to pass another vehicle on the bridge that was in front of him. Wathugi accelerated at a high rate of speed as he passed the vehicle, crossing into the southbound lane. A vehicle traveling in the southbound lane was identified as a 2011 red Kia Sol being operated by 58 year old, Immaculee Kaniki of Colchester, VT.

Wathugi passed the vehicle that was in front of him and attempted to get back into the northbound lane however due to the vehicle's high rate of speed he lost control of the vehicle. Wathugi attempted to gain control of the vehicle as it went into a partial slide. Kaniki observed Wathugi's vehicle in her lane and attempted to swerve to avoid Wathugi's vehicle, however, both vehicles collided head on.

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The passenger in Wathugi's vehicle was identified as 24-year-old Skuyler Keller of St. Albans, VT. Keller remain in serious condition in Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at the University of Vermont Medical Center. Wathugi has life threatening condition and remains in ICU at the University of Vermont Medical Center. Kaniki remains in the stable condition with non-life threatening conditions and has transferred out of ICU.

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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