



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Aggravated Assault	04/23/2022 2338 Hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
22BU005754	Main Street	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Jahi Bennett-Gooden	25	Unknown
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Arrested for Aggravated Assault.		

NARRATIVE:

At approximately 2338 hours on Saturday, April 23, 2022, dispatchers at the Burlington Police Department received multiple 911 calls about a disturbance at Ruben James Bar and Grill on Main Street. Callers stated that a black male patron with dreadlocks had produced a firearm and pointed it at employees. Police officers responded and identified the suspect on the street. There was a brief foot pursuit, after which officers apprehended the suspect at gunpoint and by use of physical force. He was identified as Jahi Bennett-Gooden, 25.

During the short foot pursuit, the suspect allegedly discarded a holster. When apprehended he was in possession of a fanny pack; officers are working to obtain a search warrant because they have probable cause to believe it contains a firearm. During the apprehension an officer was seriously injured, suffering what is preliminarily believed to be a torn ACL. That officer is expected to be assigned to limited duty for some time, further affecting the BPD's patrol staffing. The suspect was not injured. Mr. Bennett-Gooden has been lodged with pre-trial conditions, and is expected to be arraigned on Monday.

Mr. Bennett-Gooden was the subject of a previous press release on April 22, 2020, when he allegedly robbed the Champlain Farms at S. Winooski Ave and Main Street and discharged rounds inside the store. An officer witnessed him discharge additional rounds at the building and its occupants as he fled; she was able to apprehend him in front of the Roxy Cinema. Since then he has had 13 additional police involvements prior to last night's incident with a variety of Chittenden County law enforcement agencies.

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.