



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Shooting	05/15/2022 0400 Hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
22BU007155	North Willard St	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Detective Corporal Kratochvil	658-2308	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Det. Kratochvil	Lt. Trieb	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Lakeam Bennett	29	Holyoke, Mass
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Held without Bail		

NARRATIVE:

This press release is an update to the one authored by Sgt Henry on 05/15/2022. That press release is attached to this email for reference.

On 05/15/2022 at 0400 hours, a suspected shooting was reported to an address on North Willard St in Burlington. Responding Officers arrived and found evidence of a shooting, including a discarded handgun that came back with records of having been stolen.

Lakeam Bennett, 29, arrived at the UVMHC shortly thereafter. He had gunshot wounds and misrepresented his identity to police officers. He was ultimately identified and discovered to have arrest warrants from both Mass and Rhode Island for firearms violations.

Burlington police detectives' investigation suggests that Mr. Bennett was shot while armed and forcing his way into a resident's apartment after engaging in a fight with the resident and others earlier that morning on Church St.

Bennett is currently being held on \$10,000 bail as a Fugitive from Justice regarding the arrest warrant from Mass.

Information is preliminary and subject to change.

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Bennett was also arraigned today and is being held without bail on the following new charges related to this shooting:

- Burglary of an Occupied Dwelling
- 3 counts Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon
- Possessing a Weapon while Committing a Felony
- Possession of Stolen Property
- False Information to a Police Officer

Of note, there was an earlier gunfire incident at this same address on 05/01/2022, incident number 22BU006220, that is still currently under investigation.

Please contact Burlington Police if you have any information about either of these shootings.

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