



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Aggravated assault, reckless endangerment	06/18/2022 0044 Hours / update 08/10/2022	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
22BU009849	Marketplace Parking Garage	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Badal Khadka	19	Essex Junction
Kobe Loftus	23	Middlebury
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Both arrested and/or cited		

NARRATIVE:

On Friday, August 5, officers with the Burlington Police Department and other law-enforcement agencies arrested Badal Khadka, 19, aka “Polo,” of Essex Junction. He is charged as the primary aggressor in an exchange of gunfire that took place in a Burlington parking garage in the early morning hours of June 18, 2022. (Please see the attached previous BPD press release.) Earlier last month, detectives had earlier identified and cited the other participant, Kobe Loftus, 23, of Middlebury, for reckless endangerment. No one was struck in this exchange of gunfire.

On June 18th, 2022, Badal Khadka entered the parking garage located at 47 South Winooski Ave in Burlington with his associates. He and his associates engaged in a verbal dispute with Kobe Loftus and his associates. The verbal dispute ended and both parties disengaged. Mr. Khadka then armed himself with a firearm. He and his associates returned to Mr. Loftus’s and his associates’ location. The groups reengaged and Mr. Khadka discharged his firearm at Mr. Loftus. Mr. Loftus returned fire. Detectives gathered evidence that suggests that Mr. Khadka was the primary aggressor during this incident. Detectives identified and located Mr. Loftus shortly after the incident and issued him a citation into court. They continued working to identify and then locate the suspect ultimately determined to be Mr. Khadka.

On August 4, 2022, the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Vermont stated that Mr. Khadka was indicted for unrelated alleged crimes on Thursday, August 4, 2022 by a federal grand jury. Mr. Khadka and others named in federal indictments were arrested on August 5 and arraigned in United States District Court on August 8, 2022. (Please see the accompanying press release that was previously sent out from the US Department of Justice, United States

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Attorney, District of Vermont.) Mr. Khadka was released on conditions pending federal trial, then taken into custody for the state charges related to the incident in the parking garage.

He was arraigned in state court for aggravated assault with a weapon and reckless endangerment. The office of the Chittenden County State's Attorney asked that Mr. Khadka be held without bail. The court instead released him on conditions that included: a 24-hour curfew, unless he was with his designated "responsible adult" or on his way to or from work or court; a prohibition on buying, having, or using any dangerous / deadly weapons; a prohibition on having contact with the other party allegedly involved in the exchange of gunfire; and a prohibition on engaging in violent or threatening behavior.

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

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