



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Aggravated Assault and Larceny from a Person	August 17, 2022 at approximately 1242	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
22BU015076	North Willard St	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Ofc. N. Huynh #392	(802) 540-2379	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Sgt. Michael Henry	Chief Murad	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Michael Gbenusola	39	Colchester, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
<b><i>Mr. Gbenusola was taken into custody for Aggravated Assault in accordance to Title 13 V.S.A 1024 (1) and Larceny from a Person in accordance to Title 13 V.S.A. 2503.</i></b>		

**NARRATIVE:**

On Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at approximately 1242 hours, the Burlington Police Department Emergency Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call regarding an assault in which a firearm was stolen.

Officers responded, spoke to witnesses, and gathered evidence. Preliminary investigation revealed that Michael Gbenusola, 39, had texted the victim that he was in trouble and then appeared at the victim's residence. The victim stated Mr. Gbenusola said he had been assaulted. The victim agreed to drive Mr. Gbenusola to the University of Vermont Medical Center's Emergency Department to seek medical treatment. Witnesses' statements described Mr. Gbenusola's behavior as "manic and in another world."

As the victim attempted to get Mr. Gbenusola into the vehicle, Mr. Gbenusola allegedly began to assault the victim. Mr. Gbenusola stuck the victim in the head multiple times and, when he fell, stomped on him. The victim feared for his life and deployed a defensive aerosol, spraying Mr. Gbenusola in the face. The spray caused Mr. Gbenusola to end the attack and flee, but before he fled he stole a firearm from a witness who had attempted to stop the assault. The victim was evaluated by the Burlington Fire Department on scene for the injuries received in the assault, which included lost teeth, bruises, and cuts.

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Officers later located Mr. Gbenusola at the Quality Inn in Colchester and he was taken into custody without further incident.

Mr. Gbenusola was lodged at Northwest Correctional Facility on \$5,000 bail with a court date of August 18, 2022 at 1030 hours. He was charged with Aggravated Assault and Larceny from a Person.

Previously, on Sunday, August 14, 2022, at approximately 0147 hours, Mr. Gbenusola was arrested after being detained in relation to a disturbance at the intersection of Church Street and Main Street. This arrest involved a use of force that will be reviewed by the BPD, as is each and every use of force, followed by public release in the [BPD's Monthly Use-of-force Reports](#). Mr. Gbenusola was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Assault of a Protected Professional – by physical menace, and Impeding Public Officers. After an initial review by a judge, Mr. Gbenusola was released with criminal court conditions of release and was ordered to appear in court on September 29, 2022.

During review after both Sunday's arrest and today's arrest, Mr. Gbenusola's criminal history revealed one felony charge conviction in Vermont for Heroin Possession and two failures to appear for Court Proceedings. Mr. Gbenusola also has a criminal history out of New York to include convictions for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Assault in the 3rd degree.

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

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