



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Aggravated Assault on a Protective Professional/Resisting Arrest/Possession of Stolen Property/Operation without Owner's Consent/Impeding a Public Officer.	August 20, 2022 at 0200 hrs	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
22BU015338	200 Block of Elmwood Avenue	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Ofc. S. Caldieri #403	(802) 540-2146	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Sgt. Michael Henry		
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Eric Loyer	30	Burlington, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Mr. Loyer was taken into custody for Aggravated Assault on a Protected Professional , in accordance to Title 13 V.S.A. 1028, Resisting Arrest , in accordance to Title 13 V.S.A. 3017, Receiving Stolen Property , in accordance to Title 13 V.S.A.2561, Operation without Owner's Consent , in accordance to 23 V.S.A. 1094, and Impeding Public Officer , Title 13 V.S.A.		

Investigation is still pending and this is preliminary information being released and is subject to change pending new information or leads.

NARRATIVE:

On August 20, 2022 at approximately 0200 hours, a Burlington Officer located a stolen vehicle in the area of the 200 Block of Elmwood Avenue. The vehicle was reported stolen by the owner on August 19, 2022 at approximately 2121 hours. The vehicle was located by the vehicle's GPS system.

The Officer approached the vehicle and found a male unconscious in the driver's seat. This male was identified as Eric Loyer, age 30, whom Officers were familiar with from previous law enforcement encounters. The Officer was able to wake Mr. Loyer up. As the Officer spoke to Mr. Loyer he started reaching in the center console and then his pockets. The Officer ordered Mr. Loyer to exit the vehicle due to safety concerns. Mr. Loyer failed to comply with the Officer's lawful commands. After several lawful commands, Loyer eventually complied with the Officer's order to exit the vehicle. The Officer advised Mr. Loyer that he was being

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detained. The Officer attempted to place Mr. Loyer into handcuffs when Mr. Loyer pulled his hand away from the Officer's control and began to reach into his waistband. The Officer feared Mr. Loyer was reaching for a weapon so the Officer placed Mr. Loyer on the ground. Mr. Loyer then clawed at the Officer's eye and then continued to gouge the Officer's eye as the Officer ordered Mr. Loyer to stop resisting. A second Officer arrived on scene and assisted with gaining control of Mr. Loyer who was subsequently secured into handcuffs.

The Burlington Fire Department transported the Officer to University of Vermont of Medical Center's Emergency Department to receive medical treatment for his non-life threatening injury. Mr. Loyer was also transported by Burlington Fire Department to University of Vermont of Medical Center's Emergency Department for minor injuries.

It was learned the Mr. Loyer had five (5) active arrest warrants. The arrest warrants included Misdemeanor False Pretense of False Tokens (Cite and release warrant), Misdemeanor Cocaine Possession (Daytime warrant), Felony Grand Larceny, Misdemeanor Vehicle Operation with License Suspended, Misdemeanor Fraud-3 counts with a \$500 bail warrant, Misdemeanor Retail Theft warrant for \$200 bail, and a Felony Receiving Stolen Property with a \$500 bail.

Mr. Loyer's criminal history revealed 7 Failures to Appear, 2 Violation of Court Order Conditions (1 conviction), 8 Felony charges (4 convictions), 16 Misdemeanor charges (10 convictions), 2 Assaultive crime charges, 2 Escapes charges, and 2 Probation and Parole charges.

Mr. Loyer has had 12 incidents since 2019 where Mr. Loyer was an involved person, a person of interest, or an arrestee in an investigation into a stolen vehicle and/or recovered stolen vehicle.

Mr. Loyer was lodged at Northwest Correctional Facility on the active arrest warrants and received a bail of \$500 for the above mentioned charges stemming from this new incident.

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

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