



POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON

**MEDIA RELEASE**

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Operating without Consent of Owner, Operating after Suspension or Revocation of License, Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol or Other Substance; Criminal Refusal, and Violation of Court Conditions (3 counts).	August 29, 2022 at 2144	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
22BU016171, 22BU016176	40 Block of Park St	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Cpl. J. Corrow #347	(802) 540-2347	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Sgt. Michael Henry		
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Abdifatah Shikh-Bile	29	Winooski, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Mr. Abdifatah Shikh-Bile was taken into custody for <b>Operation Without Consent of Owner</b> in accordance Title 23 V.S.A. 1094 (a), <b>Operating After Suspension or Revocation of License</b> in accordance to Title 23 V.S.A. 674, <b>Operating Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol or Other Substance; Criminal Refusal #3</b> in accordance to Title 23 V.S.A. 1201 (a) (b), and <b>Violation of Court Conditions of Release (3 counts)</b> in accordance to Title 13 V.S.A. 7559. Mr. Sheikh-Bile was lodged on bail of \$5,000.00 at Northwest Correctional Facility		

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

**NARRATIVE:**

On August 29, 2022 at approximately 1856 hours, the Burlington Dispatch Center received a call from a citizen reporting their vehicle had been stolen from the area of Cherry St and Church St.

Officers responded to the scene, spoke to the owner, obtained a statement, and collected additional evidence in the area. At approximately 2144 hours, a Burlington Police Officer was traveling on Park St when the officer noticed a vehicle traveling southbound in the northbound lane coming at the Officer’s marked police cruiser. The vehicle quickly swerved back into the correct lane and then pulled into a parking lot of Simon’s Gas Station. The Officer immediately recognized the vehicle as the vehicle previously reported stolen a few house ago.

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Officers made contact with the operator who was identified as Abdifatah Sheikh-Bile, age 29. Mr. Sheikh-Bile was taken into custody for Operating without Consent of Owner. While Mr. Sheikh-Bile was being taken into custody, the Officer detected an order of alcohol beverages emitting from Mr. Sheikh-Bile's person. The Officer later learned that Mr. Sheikh-Bile had two active sets of court conditions of release to include a 24 hour curfew, not to buy or consume alcohol, and not to drive a motor vehicle. Mr. Sheikh-Bile was lodged on \$5000.00 bail at Northwest Correctional Facility and will appear in court on August 30, 2022 at 1030 hours.

A review of Mr. Sheikh-Bile criminal history revealed he has 4 Felony convictions, 19 Misdemeanor convictions, 3 Assaultive convictions, 1 Assault on Police Officer charge, 1 Escape charge, 10 Violation of Probation and Parole charges, 1 Violation of Court Order/Conditions conviction, and 1 Failure to Appear for Court Proceedings. Since January 2022, Mr. Sheikh-Bile has had 12 law enforcement encounters.

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

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