



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Murder of Hussein Mubarak - Update	7/7/2022 incident [11/21/22 this report]	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
22BU011533	Luck St	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Detective Nikki Moyer	802-540-2326	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Det. Sgt. Mike Beliveau	Det. Sgt. Mike Beliveau	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Abdiaziz Abdhikadir (previously arrested)	19	
Deon Mitchell (Update)	19	
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Arrested and released on court ordered conditions.		

NARRATIVE:

MURDER OF HUSSEIN MUBARAK – UPDATE

On 11/21/22, Deon Mitchell, 19, of Winooski, VT, was arrested by Burlington Detectives and arraigned on the charge of Accessory After the Fact for 1st Degree Murder in connection with the murder of Hussein Mubarak. Investigation into the homicide revealed Deon Mitchell's residence to be a starting and ending point for Abdiaziz Abdhikadir and evidence of the homicide was located within the residence. Mitchell was released on court ordered conditions.



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PRIOR RELATED PRESS RELEASES

Today, Wednesday, October 26, 2022, affidavits have been filed with the court charging Abdiaziz Abdhikadir, 19, with 1st degree murder for the killing of 21-year-old Hussein Mubarak. Mr. Mubarak was shot in the head and killed on Luck Street, near Roosevelt Park, at approximately 1939 hours on July 7, 2022. Mr. Abdhikadir was also charged with eight counts of attempted murder and possession of a weapon in the commission of a felony for shooting into the Mubarak residence on February 12, 2022. At that time, there were six children and two adults in the apartment into which Mr. Abdhikadir allegedly fired shots.

Mr. Abdhikadir is currently incarcerated at Northwest Correctional Facility on unrelated charges. He is expected to be arraigned on the new charges announced here tomorrow, Thursday October 27, at 1030 hours via video arraignment at Chittenden Superior Court.

“When this murder happened, it was our city’s first in more than two years,” said acting Chief of Police Jon Murad. “Since then, we have experienced three more, but detectives—particularly Detective Corporal Nikki Moyer—didn’t let this one go. They kept at it, combing through reams of evidence. They pursued it from human angles, too, with witness and associate interviews, and regular contact with the victim’s family, all in a dogged pursuit of justice. All four of the murders Burlington has suffered this year have now had arrest or resolution. In fact, that record goes back over decades. Burlington is incredibly lucky to have the service of these men and women.” Information is preliminary and subject to change.

Lieutenant Detective Commander Jim Trieb, who commands the Detective Services Bureau, also praised the BPD’s investigators. “They are tenacious, intelligent, and have an unbreakable resolve. They have met and often exceeded my expectations.”

“Just one death by gun violence in Burlington is too many,” said Mayor Miro Weinberger. “That is why ending the recent spike gunfire incidents is our top priority. The charging of Abdiaziz Abdhikadir for two of the year’s most alarming incidents represents important progress towards accountability, justice, and prevention of future violence. I am grateful to the hard-working detectives of the BPD and our law enforcement partners for the sustained, disciplined effort that solving this case required.”

The BPD is tremendously grateful to partners who have assisted with this case, especially the Office of the Chittenden County State’s Attorney and State’s Attorney Sarah George. The BPD also received significant amounts of help from agents in the Vermont Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. As earlier press releases (included below) indicate, many other agencies have



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played a role, including the Vermont State Police, the University of Vermont Police Department, the South Burlington Police Department, the Essex Police Department, the Winooski Police Department, and Colchester Technical Rescue.

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

PREVIOUS, RELATED PRESS RELEASES

February 13, 2022

On Saturday, February 12, 2022, at approximately 2109 hours, Burlington Police Department dispatchers received calls about gunfire at an apartment in the 600 block of Riverside Avenue. Residents reported there had been several shots from outside the address, some of which came into the residence. Officers responded and swept and secured the scene. They observed evidence that a firearm had been discharged multiple times, and members of the Detectives Services Bureau's Identification Unit were called in to collect and catalogue evidence. No one was injured, but rounds struck exterior walls and traveled through a window, striking interior walls, as well. Children were present in the home at the time of the incident. Information is preliminary and subject to change.

This is the first confirmed gunfire incident of 2022. From 2012 to 2019, Burlington experienced an average of two gunfire incidents per year; in 2020 there were a dozen; in 2021 there were 14. A gunfire incident occurs when police have probable cause to believe a firearm was discharged and reasonable suspicion that it was discharged in a criminal manner. Not all gunfire incidents are shootings, in which the gunfire strikes a person, but all gunfire incidents are dangerous crimes in our densely populated city. This is an ongoing case in its early stages. Detectives are seeking to identify a suspect. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Burlington Police Department at (802) 658-2704.

July 7, 2022

At approximately 1939 hours on Thursday July 7, the Burlington Police Department dispatch center received calls about shots being fired in the vicinity of Luck St and Intervale Ave. Responding officers located a man in his early 20s who had been struck in the head. The man was removed to UVMMC where he is currently in critical condition.

No suspect is currently in custody.

This investigation is in its earliest stages. More information will be shared as it develops.



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July 8, 2022

The homicide victim in last night's shooting has been identified as 21-year-old Hussein Mubarak of Burlington. The investigation is in its early stages and the Burlington Police Department is asking for anyone with any knowledge of the incident for their help. At this time the Burlington Police Department has no reason to believe there is a threat to the general public.

Initial information on scene stated the suspect may have fled north into the wooded area of the Intervale. An exhaustive search using multiple officers, K9's and VSP drone, in the heavily wooded area, did not yield any results for the suspect.

The Burlington Police Department wants to thank The University of Vermont Police Department, The South Burlington Police Department, Essex Police Department, The Winooski Police Department, The Vermont State Police, The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Information is preliminary and subject to change.

Explosives and Colchester Technical Rescue. Without their help our capacity to respond to this incident would have been greatly diminished.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Detective Moyer with the Burlington Police Department at 802-540-2326.

July 15, 2022

The Burlington Police Department has identified a person of interest in the murder of Hussein Mubarak, which occurred on July 7, 2022. This person was seen in the area of the murder in the minutes leading up to the shooting and was observed fleeing on foot immediately afterwards. This person is described as being a black male, of average build, wearing a large white zip-up or button-up light collared jacket. The jacket appeared to be notably larger than what would be normal, based on the size of this person. This person was seen running into the wooded area at the north end of Interval Avenue, where it intersects with Manhattan Drive. This person was then observed on the railroad tracks in the area of Intervale Road moments later.

Public safety is a shared responsibility. The Burlington Police Department urge members of the public to assist with this investigation. Anyone who has information about this incident and/or this person of interest is asked to contact Detective Nikki Moyer at the Burlington Police Department at (802) 540-2326.