



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Assault, Arson, Resisting Arrest	12/12/2022 1910 hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
22BU023855	198 North Avenue	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Vincent Ford	26	Burlington
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Lodged at Northwest State Correctional Facility		

NARRATIVE:

On Monday December 12, 2022, at approximately 1910 hrs, the Burlington Police Department's dispatch center received a 911 call about an incident occurring at 198 North Ave. The caller reported that his roommate, Vincent Ford, 26, had threatened to kill him and requested help. Police had knowledge of the persons involved owing to prior incidents.

Because of other calls for service occurring in the city at that time, the Officer in Charge requested mutual aid from the University of Vermont Police Department. A BPD officer and an officer from UVMPD were dispatched to the location. Upon the officers' arrival, the victim told officers that Mr. Ford had threatened him, and that he had used pepper spray to defend himself. The victim reported that Mr. Ford was highly intoxicated.

The Burlington Fire Department responded to evaluate parties on scene for injuries. As BFD personnel engaged with Mr. Ford, he became aggressive and lunged at them and then assaulted them via bodily fluids. Mr. Ford made threats against officers, as well, and emergency responders exited the residence in an effort to control and contain the situation. Mr. Ford began destroying property inside the residence.

To address the barricaded suspect, the BPD deployed its Emergency Response Unit, including calling in off-duty ERU officers. The South Burlington Police Department also sent two officers to assist. This resulted in a noticeable police presence near North Avenue and Crowley Street.

Trained negotiators on the ERU team made contact with Mr. Ford. Negotiations lasted for approximately four hours, before the subject stopped communicating with officers. During the

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incident, Mr. Ford armed himself with two knives and a hammer, making threats to harm the officers on scene. Mr. Ford also attempted to set fire to curtains that were hanging in the rear windows of the residence.

At approximately 0008 hours, Mr. Ford exited a rear window of the residence and stood on the first story roof of the building, still armed with the knives and a hammer. Mr. Ford made threats while brandishing a knife. He jumped from the roof and then began running north, through the backyards of neighboring residences. Officers were able to locate Mr. Ford in a nearby backyard. He continued to resist arrest and refused to obey commands. Officers used a Less Lethal Impact Munitions weapon, specifically a beanbag shotgun, and took Mr. Ford into custody without further incident.

Mr. Ford was transported to the University of Vermont Medical Center for a medical evaluation. He was treated and released. Police transported him to and lodged him at the Northwest State Correctional Facility.

The BPD offers its thanks to UVMPD and SBPD for their assistance in resolving this incident.

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

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