



POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON

**MEDIA RELEASE**

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:
Motor Vehicle Collision	December 17, 2022 at 1603 hours
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:
22BU024167	North St and No Champlain St
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:
Lt. Michael Henry #321	802-540-2321
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:
LT. Michael Henry	Chief Murad

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

**NARRATIVE:**

On 17 December 2022 at approximately 1603 hours, the Burlington Police Department received a 911 call reporting a domestic assault in progress. The caller stated she was struck in the face by her husband and her dog was hit with a baseball bat. The suspect is known to the Department for previous violent incidents.

Burlington Police Officers were dispatched and responded with emergency lights and sirens to a reported violent crime in progress. As responding officers were en route, one police cruiser was traveling eastbound on North St and the second police cruiser was traveling northbound on North Champlain St. The two police cruisers approached the intersection almost simultaneously from different directions. Both police cruisers collided with each other as the police cruisers entered the intersection. One cruiser came to a rest in the middle of the intersection on North St and North Champlain St while the second police cruiser came to rest on North Champlain. After the collision, the second police cruiser also struck a parked, unoccupied vehicle on North Champlain.

Burlington Fire Department responded to the scene and medically evaluated the injured officers. The officers were transported by ambulance to the University of Vermont Medical Center Emergency Department for additional medical

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treatment. The officers were treated for minor injuries and discharged from the Emergency Department.

The unoccupied, parked vehicle that struck was a rental vehicle belonging to a visiting family. Burlington personnel located the family and took them to the rental agency and assisted with replacing it.

Other officers responded to the domestic violence incident, where the person of interest was no longer on scene and the caller refused to cooperate with law enforcement.

As per Department Directive, and as is the case with any police cruiser crash, an investigation and review will be conducted. All sworn officers on all shifts will also conduct roll call training on DD04, Operation of Police Vehicles, Response Codes/Pursuits (which is available to the public online at the Police Department website).

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

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