



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
2 Counts of Eluding Police Officer while Operating in Grossly Negligent Manner, 2 counts of Aggravated Operating without owner’s consent, 2 counts of Leaving the Scene of an Accident, 2 counts of Driving while criminally suspended, and 3 counts of Violation of Court Conditions.	February 23, 2023/March 11, 2023/March 12, 2023/March 13, 2023/March 14, 2023	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
23BU003398, 23BU004441,23BU004518	North Champlain St, Burlington	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Ofc. Congdon #382	(802) 540-2220	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
LT. Michael Henry		
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Jeffrey Leduc	36	Burlington, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Jeffrey Leduc was arrest for the following criminal charges:2 counts of Eluding Police Officer while Operating in Grossly Negligent Manner, 2 counts of Aggravated Operating without owner’s consent, 2 counts Leaving the Scene of an Accident, 2 counts of Driving while criminally suspended, and 3 counts of Violation of Court Conditions. Mr. Leduc has been arraigned and was released on Court conditions.		

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

NARRATIVE:

On February 24, 2023, at approximately 0800 hours the Burlington Police Department received a 911 call regarding a citizen’s vehicle had been stolen.

Officers responded to the scene to speak with the victim and gather information regarding the vehicle. The victim left their vehicle idling outside a school while the victim walked their child into school. After gathering the information, the Officer conducted a canvas of the area to look for the vehicle. At approximately 0948 hours, the investigating Officer located a vehicle traveling on North St matching the description of the stolen vehicle. The Officer confirmed the make, model, and Vermont registration to match the vehicle. The Officer activated the emergency lights and siren to conduct a motor vehicle stop and the suspect failed to stop the

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vehicle. The suspect fled the area at an unsafe speed. The suspect was later identified as Jeffrey Leduc, age 36. The Officer discontinued his emergency lights and siren per Department vehicle pursuit policy. The officer attempted to maintain visual on the vehicle as the Officer went with the flow of traffic. The Officer observed Mr. Leduc's vehicle fail to stop at multiple stop signs as he traveled through the intersections. The Officer observed from a distance that Mr. Leduc's vehicle slid into a snowbank and collided with a guard rail. Mr. Leduc proceeded to leave the scene of the accident and continued his reckless operation of a motor vehicle. The Officer located Mr. Leduc's vehicle a short distance away after it collided with a parked unoccupied vehicle. Mr. Leduc attempted to escape the area on foot and was apprehended by Officers as Mr. Leduc attempted to climb over a fence.

Mr. Leduc was transported to Chittenden County Superior Court, arraigned before a Judge, and released on court conditions.

On March 12, 2023, at approximately 1600 hours, a Burlington Police Officer observed a reported stolen vehicle in the area of College St and attempted to turn around to re-locate the vehicle. The stolen vehicle was located in a parking lot off College St and fled the area at a high rate of speed as the Officer entered the parking lot in a marked cruiser. Officers did not pursue the stolen vehicle due to the erratic operation of the vehicle and the safety of other motorists.

On March 13, 2023, at approximately 0948 hours, a Burlington Police Officer was conducting routine patrol in the City, when the Officer observed a reported stolen vehicle pass his location. It was later learned that this stolen vehicle is the same stolen vehicle that had fled the area from the Colchester Police Department earlier in the night from a local gas station. Surveillance video from the gas station captured the operator who was later identified as Jeffrey Leduc. This vehicle was reported stolen to the Burlington Police Department on March 11, 2023. The Officer also noted that this is the same vehicle that fled from him on March 12, 2023 on College St.

The Officer attempted to locate the stolen vehicle after turning the cruiser around and lost visual. The Officer canvassed the area and located the stolen vehicle which was partially hidden by a snowbank in a private parking lot. The Officer approached with his marked police cruiser and the stolen vehicle accelerated at a high rate of speed passing the Officer. The Officer recognized the operator of the vehicle to resemble Jeffrey Leduc. The Officer was not able to locate the vehicle after it fled. A short time later, a Burlington Police Officer was canvassing the area and located the stolen vehicle, unoccupied, in a parking lot of an apartment complex off Riverside

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Avenue. Within moments of locating the vehicle, Officer observed Mr. Leduc exit one of the apartment buildings. Mr. Leduc fled on foot and a short foot pursuit occurred. Officers were able to take Mr. Leduc into custody without further incident.

Mr. Leduc was transported to Chittenden County Superior Court where he appeared for arraignment and was released on conditions to abide by the previous conditions set on February 24, 2023 and a new condition of a 24 hour curfew at an address approved by the Courts.

On March 14, 2023 at approximately 0410 hours, a citizen observed a suspicious male that was captured on surveillance cameras in the area. A Burlington Police Department Detective reviewed the video surveillance and recognized the suspicious male to be Jeffrey Leduc. Mr. Leduc attempted to gain access to a vehicle parked in the resident's driveway however was unsuccessful as the vehicle was locked. The Detective attempted to locate Mr. Leduc at his court approved address. The Detective was able to confirm that Mr. Leduc has not lived at the address for two weeks.

Mr. Leduc's criminal history revealed: **25** Failures to Appear, **4** Violation of Court Orders or Conditions Charges with **1** Conviction, **13** Felony Charges with **8** Convictions, **28** Misdemeanor Charges with **20** Convictions, 1 Unknown Level Charge with 0 Convictions, **4** Assaultive Crime Charges with **3** Convictions, **3** Escape Charges, and **6** Violation of Probation/Parole Charges.

Mr. Leduc has had 22 Law Enforcement contacts since January 2023.

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

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