



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Mental Health	03/22/2023 1606 Hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
23BU005060	300 Block of Lake Street	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Officer Congdon (382)	(802) 540-2220	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Sarah Hernandez Timm	Chief Murad	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
	37	Burlington, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
The male was taken into custody and transported to the University of Vermont Medical Center for evaluation.		

NARRATIVE:

On March 22, 2023 at approximately 1606 hours, Officers responded to a male, age 37 with a cutting weapon in the 300 block of Lake Street. The male was threatening self-harm with a knife, actively cutting his neck and bleeding. It was later determined the weapon was a folding knife.

Officers on scene attempted to negotiate with the male. The male continued to pace back and forth, while cutting himself. During this time, citizens at the Skate Park were evacuated. Officers continued to deescalate the situation. The male eventually fled, went over a fence, and entered the railroad track. The Burlington Police Department communicated with the railroad to address possible train traffic.

During the negotiations and deescalation efforts, the male eventually moved towards officers in a manner that occasioned the use of Less Lethal Impact Munitions (LLIMs), specifically a bean-bag shotgun. LLIMs sound like, but are not, firearms. No firearms were discharged. The male was struck by the munitions, which facilitated officers taking him into custody. He was transported to the University of Vermont Medical Center for evaluation and treatment for the apparent mental-health crisis.

Information is preliminary and subject to change.



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

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