



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Impeding a Public Officer	04/17/2023 1823 Hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
23BU007158	100 Block of North Avenue	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Officer Corrow	(802) 540-2347	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Sarah Hernandez Timm	Chief Murad	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Robert Goldsmith	67	Burlington, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Robert Goldsmith was taken into custody for an active arrest warrant and impeding a public officer.		

**NARRATIVE:**

On April 17, 2023 at approximately 1823 hours, the Burlington Police Department responded to a report of a possible overdose of a male. An ambulance and a firefighter were on scene when officers arrived. The Burlington Fire Department, along with BPD, knocked on the door; a male answered the door, and then immediately shut the door. Officers attempted to get the male to open the door to ensure everyone was in good health, but he refused. The male implied that everyone is fine and officers can go away now. After a few minutes of negotiation, a female opened the door and allowed officers to enter. An officer recognized the male who answered the door from previous law enforcement encounters. The male was identified as Robert Goldsmith, 67, of Burlington.

Dispatch informed officers that Goldsmith had an active arrest warrant. When officers told him he was under arrest, Goldsmith refused to cooperate and physically fought with officers. A conducted electrical weapon (CEW) was deployed with a drive stun and Goldsmith was taken into custody. Officers escorted Goldsmith out where he was evaluated by the BFD and transported to the BPD.

Goldsmith's criminal history show the following charges and convictions: 11 misdemeanor convictions, five assaultive crime convictions, four sex crime convictions, one assault on officer

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charge, three violation of probation/parole charges, four violation of court order/conditions convictions, and four previous failures to appear in court.

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

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