



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Kidnapping	04/20/2023 1506 Hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
23BU007373	200 Block of Pine Street	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Officer Yeh	(802) 540-2212	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Sarah Hernandez Timm	Chief Murad	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Michael Gbenusola	40	Colchester, VT

NARRATIVE:

On April 20, 2023 at approximately 1506 hours, dispatchers from the Burlington Police Department received a report stating that a male forced his way into a residence and attempted to remove a child. The male was identified as Michael Gbenusola, 40, of Colchester. Gbenusola was identified as the child's father, but the child is in the mother's custody and there is a Relief from Abuse with Children order in place.

The mother reported to police that Gbenusola had allegedly pushed past a juvenile babysitter to take the 1-year-old child. The child's mother, returning from nearby, interrupted the attempted custodial kidnapping and Gbenusola turned over the child. Gbenusola was gone when officers arrived. This is an ongoing investigation and the Burlington Police Department is seeking to locate Gbenusola.

Gbenusola's criminal history revealed one felony charge conviction in Vermont for Heroin Possession and two failures to appear for Court Proceedings. Gbenusola also has a criminal history out of New York to include convictions for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Assault in the 3rd degree. Court proceedings involving an aggravated assault arrest in Burlington in August are ongoing.

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

Information is preliminary and subject to change.