



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Trespass	05/03/2023 1610 Hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
23BU008445	Cherry Street	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Officer Moran	(802) 540-2144	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Sarah Hernandez Timm	Chief Murad	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Senai Belai	38	Bronx, New York
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Senai Belai was taken into custody for Unlawful Trespass, Retail Theft, Resisting Arrest, and Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer. Belai was lodged at Northwest State Correctional Facility on a \$2,500 bail.		

**NARRATIVE:**

On May 3, 2023, at approximately 4:10pm, the Burlington Police Department was dispatched to Cherry Street for a report of trespass and retail theft. The suspect was identified as Senai Belai, 38, of Bronx, New York.

When officers arrived on scene, they were able to locate Belai and take him into custody. At the time of his arrest, Belai resisted on several occasions and attempted to assault an officer. One officer transported Belai to the BPD and the other officer returned the stolen merchandise to the store.

While the officer was transporting Belai to the BPD, Belai stated he was having chest pains. BPD reached out to the Burlington Fire Department. BFD transported Belai to the University of Vermont Medical Center, where he was eventually released and transported back to the BPD. Belai received court conditions and was lodged at the Northwest State Correctional Facility on a \$2,500 bail.

Belai's criminal history show the following charges and convictions: three felony convictions and five misdemeanor charges in the state of Vermont. Belai also has extensive history in the state of New York, to include robbery, several burglaries, drug possession and distribution charges, and numerous larcenies and trespasses.

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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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