



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

<b>INCIDENT TYPE:</b>	<b>DATE/TIME REPORTED:</b>
Suspicious Event	06/07/2023 1054 Hours
<b>INCIDENT NUMBER:</b>	<b>LOCATION:</b>
23BU011409	Elmwood Avenue/North Street
<b>INVESTIGATOR:</b>	<b>INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:</b>
Officer Beal	(802) 540-2364
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**NARRATIVE:**

On June 7, 2023, at approximately 10:54 am, the Burlington Police Department responded to a situation that occurred earlier in the morning at Elmwood Avenue and North Street.

When officers arrived on scene, investigation determined an unknown male approached a Burlington District student during their walk to school. The male suspect approached the student and grabbed the student's hand. Not knowing the suspect, the student bit the suspect's hand and ran to school. Once at school, the student notified their teacher. School administrators contacted the Burlington Police Department and the student's parents.

The unknown male suspect has been described as a white male in his 20s or 30s with long, curly blonde hair, wearing a black hoodie and black pants.

We are aware of allegations about other incidents in which school-age children have been approached by strangers, but at this time we do not have cause to believe any of these are related. Nevertheless, direct, timely information is very important. We urge students, parents, and/or others associated with the schools to report these incidents directly to police when the incidents happen and when affected persons have direct knowledge of the incidents. People with information are asked to contact the Burlington Police Department at (802) 658-2704.

Here is a [helpful guide](#) on safety and conversation tips to have with your child/children about what to do if a stranger approaches them.

*Information is preliminary and subject to change.*