



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:
Untimely Death - Update	07/07/2023 1035 Hours
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:
23BU014321	S Champlain St. Park
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:
Detective Krystal Wrinn	(802) 540-2293
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:
Acting Lieutenant Mike Beliveau	Chief Jon Murad

UPDATE #2: July 18, 2023

On July 17, 2023, Claude Mumbere, 29, of Burlington, was arrested and charged with the murder of Kelley Cusson.

Mr. Mumbere was arraigned today and charged with second degree aggravated murder. Mr. Mumbere was held without bail.

A press conference will be held today – Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 2:00pm at the Burlington Police Department, Community Room.

UPDATE: July 8, 2023

The decedent's next of kin have been notified and her identity is released below.

The decedent has been identified as Kelley Cusson, 31, of Burlington, VT. The Burlington Police Department extends its deepest condolences to the family of Ms. Cusson.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Detective Krystal Wrinn at (802) 540- 2293 or the Burlington Police Department at 802-658-2704.

NARRATIVE:

On the morning of Friday, July 7, 2023, at approximately 1035 hours, the Burlington Police Department received calls about an unresponsive woman observed in a secluded part of South

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Champlain Street Park. Responding police and fire department personnel determined that the woman was deceased. The BPD's ID Unit responded to collect evidence and the decedent was removed to the Medical Examiner's office. The cause of death is currently undetermined, and toxicology tests will be conducted, but preliminarily the case has been referred to the BPD's detective bureau. The BPD will share more information, including the decedent's name, as it develops and as the investigation warrants. Anyone with information is asked to contact the BPD.

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