



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Impeding a Public Officer	08/30/2023 1004 Hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
23BU019653	200 Block of Intervale Avenue	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Officer Cousins	(802) 540-2284	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Chief Murad & Sarah Hernandez Timm	Chief Murad	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Eric Edson	52	Burlington, VT

**UPDATE #3: September 7, 2023**

Eric Edson was apprehended earlier today by the Vermont State Police.

The Burlington Police Department would like to thank VSP and game wardens with the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife, along with the assistance of the Milton Police Department, Franklin County Sheriff’s Office, and the Colchester and Essex police departments. This was a multi-agency endeavor and we thank the law enforcement agencies and members of the public throughout our neighboring counties for their assistance.

“We are gratified that our colleagues made this arrest. Because of the unusualness of Mr. Edson’s various modes of flight, from cars to bikes to paddle boards to sailboats to tractors, it’s easy to lose sight of the fact that Mr. Edson is a dangerous person. He has allegedly robbed people at gunpoint, stolen property, absorbed law-enforcement resources, and put the public at risk with his criminal behavior. Neighbors can breathe a bit easier because of his apprehension.”

- Chief Jon Murad

The specifics of this incident are described in the VSP press release, which is included below. It can also be seen on [VSP’s website](#):

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**Suspect in assault, theft cases apprehended after more than a week on the run**

GEORGIA, Vermont (Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023) — Early this afternoon, troopers with the Vermont State Police and game wardens with the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife apprehended 52-year-old Eric Edson following a foot chase through the woods in the town of Georgia.

The arrest occurred after troopers and wardens, responding to a tip, saw Edson at about 1 p.m. in a kayak on the Lamoille River. Edson landed the kayak, which is believed to have been stolen, on the northern riverbank near Vermont Route 104A. He then fled from law enforcement on foot, jumped into the river and swam to the southern shore near Georgia Mountain Road. Troopers and wardens arrested him at that time.

Edson requested a medical evaluation, and fire and rescue crews were called to the scene.

Members of the Milton Police Department and Franklin County Sheriff's Office provided support on scene when Edson was taken into custody. The Colchester and Essex police departments also dispatched resources to assist.

Details remain unknown on when Edson will appear in court and what charges he will face. The Vermont State Police will provide updated information as soon as it becomes available.

The state police thanks law enforcement agencies throughout Chittenden, Franklin and Lamoille counties for their assistance during the search for Edson, and members of the public for providing tips and cooperation.

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**UPDATE #2 | Seeking Information: August 31, 2023**

The Burlington Police Department is asking for assistance in locating Eric Edson, 52, of Burlington. The search for Edson is wanted for the robbery of a store last Thursday during which he brandished a gun, impeding and assaulting two police officers yesterday morning, and the theft of and damage to the sailboat last night, among other possible charges.

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Photos of Edson are attached and can be found below. If anyone has any information of the whereabouts of Edson, please contact the Burlington Police Department at (802) 658-2704.



The BPD would also like to thank the Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife for their assistance last night. It was thanks to their efforts that BPD personnel was able to get onto the shore to search the Rock Point area.

**UPDATE: August 31, 2023**

The search for the suspect remains ongoing. Operations in the areas of Rock Point have been suspended for the time being.

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

**NARRATIVE:**

This is a preliminary press release about an in-progress incident.

This morning, on Wednesday August 30 2023, two officers were called to a welfare check of a man passed out in a running vehicle. The vehicle matched the description of one used in a gun-involved robbery approximately a week ago. When the officers approached the man and roused

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him he became belligerent and uncooperative. He fled at a high rate of speed, assaulting both officers with the vehicle in the process.

This evening the unoccupied vehicle was located in the North Ave Cooperative. Officers went to seize it, and then observed the man in the vicinity. He fled again, on foot and then on a stolen bicycle. Multiple parties observed him to be in possession of a firearm. He made his way to Appletree Bay where he stole a sailboat and attempted to abscond but was intercepted by the Coast Guard. The sailboat ran aground on the base of cliffs along Rock Point, and the man abandoned the craft. He is believed to be hiding in trees on the cliff. Officers at the top of the cliff have attempted repeatedly to make contact and start negotiations. Personnel from the US Coast Guard, the Colchester Police Department Marine Unit, the UVM Police Department, and a canine officer from the Essex Police Department have all participated in this operation. The BPD thanks them for their assistance.

This is an in-progress incident and more information will be shared as it develops and becomes available.

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