



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Arson and Reckless Endangerment	11/13/2023 0200 Hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
23BU026929	One North Avenue	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Corporal Cousins	(802) 540-2284	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Stephen Romprey	62	Burlington, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Stephen Romprey was taken into custody.		

UPDATE: November 13, 2023

Investigation determined and identified Stephen Romprey, 62, of Burlington as the suspect in the arson earlier this morning at the Burlington Police Department.

While on patrol, officers located Romprey near Pearl Street. Romprey was taken into custody and charged with the crimes of Second Degree Arson and Reckless Endangerment.

A check of Romprey's criminal history showed:

- 1 Violation of Court Orders or Conditions Charges with 1 Conviction
- 9 Misdemeanor Charges with 9 Convictions
- 1 Assaultive Crime Charge with 1 Conviction
- 1 Violation of Probation/Parole Charge with 0 Convictions

NARRATIVE:

On Monday, November 13, 2023, at approximately 0200 hours, a person entered the vestibule of the Burlington Police Department and set fire to items in the vestibule. The fire activated the sprinkler system, and water intrusion coupled with heavy, acrid smoke conditions necessitated the temporary relocation of the BPD's Emergency Communications Center (ECC), also known as Dispatch. As per existing emergency plans, under the guidance of our Senior Network Administrator, our dispatchers moved to and worked from the South Burlington Police

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Department while members of the Burlington Fire Department addressed the fire at One North Avenue and ultimately declared the building safe for reoccupation. Burlington's dispatchers are now back in the One North Avenue ECC, but the BPD extends its sincere gratitude to the SBPD for its help.

The criminal investigation into this incident is ongoing. No persons were injured in the fire, but it is currently estimated that police headquarters sustained thousands of dollars of damage.

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

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