



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Simple Assault	11/17/2023 0527 Hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
23BU027312	100 Block of Cherry Street	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Sarah Hernandez Timm	Chief Murad	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Reginald Smith	32	Unhoused; Burlington, VT

NARRATIVE:

On November 17, 2023, at approximately 0527 hours, officers from the Burlington Police Department were dispatched for a report of a physical disturbance at the Downtown Transit Center bus station.

When officers arrived on scene, they determined that Reginald Smith, 32, had assaulted another man. An independent witness described Mr. Smith as refusing to disengage and striking the victim numerous times while he was on the ground. Mr. Smith was taken into custody.

Mr. Smith was known to police for a recent incident on November 14, 2023. At approximately 2114 hours that day, a Burlington Police Department officer on duty at the Patrick Leahy International Airport asked Mr. Smith to leave the airport. Mr. Smith had been staying overnight for multiple nights at the airport with no intent of travel and was asked to leave. The officer escorted Mr. Smith towards an exit at which point Mr. Smith assaulted the officer.

A struggle ensued and an airport employee and uninvolved citizen joined in order to assist the officer. When other officers arrived from Burlington, Mr. Smith was taken into custody. During processing he refused to provide positive identification and had to be identified through fingerprints. He was lodged that night. The following day, he provided false names to the court and was held a second night before being released.

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

Information is preliminary and subject to change.