



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

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| INCIDENT TYPE: | DATE/TIME REPORTED: | |
| Aggravated Assault | 12/03/2023 0244 Hours | |
| INCIDENT NUMBER: | LOCATION: | |
| 23BU028530 | Church Street / Main Street | |
| INVESTIGATOR: | INVESTIGATOR CONTACT: | |
| Officer Parrette | (802) 540-2305 | |
| AUTHORS: | APPROVED BY: | |
| Chief Murad Sarah Hernandez Timm | Chief Murad | |
| SUSPECT: | AGE: | SUSPECT ADDRESS: |
| Rachel Doe | N/A | N/A |
| SUSPECT DISPOSITION: | | |
| Rachel Doe was taken into custody. | | |

NARRATIVE:

At approximately 2:44am on Sunday morning, December 03, 2023, at the intersection of Church Street and Main Street, a Community Service Officer (CSO) with the Burlington Police Department observed a woman assault another woman. The victim is known to the Department to be unhoused and mentally ill. Subsequent review of surveillance cameras that captured the assault revealed no visible reason for the assault: the victim was standing in a roadway all alone when the assailant approached from a distance and summarily struck her. The assailant's friends hurried her away from the scene. The CSO stayed with the victim, who was injured and complained of pain. The CSO radioed police, providing a specific description of the assailant.

Responding officers followed the assailant and her friends. Some of the friends tried to prevent officers from accessing the assailant, claiming the victim had caused the altercation, while other friends and the assailant kept moving away from the scene.

Officers finally stopped the assailant at the intersection of Main Street and South Winooski. People associated with the assailant surrounded the officer. The assailant was intoxicated and belligerent and tried to kick officers, and explicitly stated "I wanted to kick him in the crotch!" Officers used command voice and minimal force to maintain a safe reactionary gap between themselves and the group. The assailant was ultimately arrested.

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During the arrest the assailant lay down on the sidewalk and refused to comply. She was non-compliantly handcuffed. While being placed in a cruiser, she kicked and injured an officer. She refused to identify herself beyond a first name, Rachel, and was taken to Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility (CRCF) where staff indicated she continued not to provide that information. She is expected to be identified at court and arraigned on Monday morning.

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

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