



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Aggravated Disorderly Conduct	12/18/2023 1436 Hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
23BU029772	100 Block of Bank Street	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Officer Huynh	(802) 540-2379	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Jason Casey	40	Colchester, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Arrested and lodged on bail		

**NARRATIVE:**

On December 18, 2023, at approximately 2:36pm, dispatchers with the Burlington Police Department received calls stating that a man was brandishing a knife in the offices of Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform. Dispatchers reported hearing loud yelling in the background and had trouble communicating with the caller.

Responding officers made contact with the suspect at gunpoint, and issued hard commands for him to show his hands. He was taken into custody without incident and a knife was recovered from the ground near his feet. He was identified as Jason Casey, 40, of Colchester. Police have had hundreds of previous encounters with Mr. Casey, among them numerous incidents involving assaults, including assaults on Howard Center workers and incidents where police officers have been injured. He has been involved in more than 20 police encounters in December 2023 so far, including in Barre, Berlin, Essex, Montpelier, South Burlington, and Burlington.

Investigation determined that Mr. Casey entered the Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform office and engaged in tumultuous, threatening behavior including yelling and making stabbing gestures with a knife. Several employees were ushered away from him into safer rooms while one remained to attempt to deescalate Mr. Casey.

Mr. Casey's criminal history reflects 13 failures to appear. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Burlington Police Department at (802) 658-2704.

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