



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Arrest on Warrant	02/20/2024 1119 Hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
24BU003717	230 Saint Paul Street	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Katelynn Charbonneau	28	Transient
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Arrest on warrant		

UPDATE: February 21, 2024

Ms. Charbonneau was arraigned yesterday on several open cases. The court released her. To ensure her lawful behavior, the court issued the following conditions, among others: Ms. Charbonneau must come to court when told; Ms. Charbonneau cannot have contact with any victims; Ms. Charbonneau cannot go to the following places: University Mall in South Burlington, Outdoor Gear Exchange in Essex, Big Lots in Essex, Hannafords in South Burlington, Kohls in South Burlington, and Fu Da in Burlington.

NARRATIVE:

At approximately 1119 hours on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, a Burlington Police Department officer conducting a vertical patrol at 230 Saint Paul St., also known as Decker Towers, encountered a female sleeping in the laundry room on the second floor. The officer recognized her from dozens of police encounters as Katelynn Charbonneau, 28. The BPD's dispatchers confirmed that Ms. Charbonneau had an open warrant for her arrest. The officer arrested Ms. Charbonneau and she was transported to court.

Ms. Charbonneau has nearly 150 law-enforcement encounters dating back to 2011. Since December 2023 alone, she has had 45 law-enforcement encounters and 13 arrests. Most of these recent law-enforcement encounters are associated with complaints about vehicle theft. Among the arrests are the following non-exhaustive examples:

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- On December 17, 2023, Ms. Charbonneau allegedly violated 23 VSA § 1094 Operation without consent of owner (incident 23BU029697). In this incident, Ms. Charbonneau allegedly stole a vehicle from a person who had allowed her to stay at his home because of the inclement weather. The victim reported that, at approximately 0500 hours that day, Ms. Charbonneau knocked on his doors and windows asking for a place to sleep out of the cold. He allowed her into the residence and at approximately 0530 hours she left the residence with the keys to his niece's vehicle, fleeing in an unknown direction. At approximately 0950 hours, an officer located the vehicle at 230 Saint Paul Street. Ms. Charbonneau was not located at that time.
- On December 18, 2023, police officers located Ms. Charbonneau when she was allegedly involved in a disorderly conduct incident outside JR's Corner Store on North Street. Police arrested her for 13 VSA § 1026 Disorderly conduct (incident 23BU029578) and for 23 VSA § 1094 Operation without consent of owner (incident 23BU029697). Officers took her to court; the court made a referral to the [Tamarack Program](#) and included a condition of release that she come back to court on the following day, December 19, to meet with Tamarack representatives.
- On December 19, 2023, Ms. Charbonneau failed to appear at court.
- On December 23, 2023, Ms. Charbonneau was arrested by the BPD for 23 VSA 1094(b) Aggravated operation without consent of owner, 13 VSA 2561 Possession of stolen property, and Title 13 VSA 1754 False information to a police officer (incident 23BU030154). A victim reported his vehicle had been stolen at approximately 0607 hours that morning, and at approximately 0900 hours, police located the vehicle with Ms. Charbonneau in the operator's seat. The vehicle bore a stolen license plate belonging to a different vehicle. A person nearby, Tyrone Pinder, who has frequently been arrested with Ms. Charbonneau, stated that Ms. Charbonneau had paid \$200 to an individual known only as "Crystal" to rent the vehicle for the day.
- On December 24, 2023, at 1944 hours, a victim in Colchester reported her Jeep stolen. The vehicle had multiple Christmas presents inside (incident 23CC010873). Later that night, at approximately 2301 hours, police observed and stopped the vehicle in Burlington (incident 23BU030240). Ms. Charbonneau was in the operator's seat and Mr. Pinder was in the passenger seat. Officers found the victim's credit/debit cards on Mr.

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Pinder's person and cited him for 13 VSA 1094 Possession of stolen property. Officers arrested Ms. Charbonneau for 23 VSA 1094 Operation without consent of owner and 13 VSA 1094 Possession of stolen property. A judge ordered her released on conditions, including the following stipulation "You cannot drive any motor vehicle, including a car, truck, or motorcycle." The judge scheduled a court appearance for December 26, 2023.

- On December 26, 2023, Ms. Charbonneau failed to appear at court. The court took no action, possibly because she already had another preexisting appearance date for December 28, 2023.
- On December 28, 2023, Ms. Charbonneau failed to appear again. The court issued a \$1,000 warrant. (She would be arrested on the warrant on January 17, 2024.)
- On December 31, 2023, at approximately 1135 hours, a victim reported that she had just seen a woman drive away in her vehicle on Lyman Avenue in Burlington (incident 23BU030705). A few minutes later, officers located the stolen car at the Soda Plant on Pine Street. An officer observed Ms. Charbonneau and Mr. Pinder leaving the scene and approaching Decker Towers on Saint Paul Street. Officers detained them and found them to be in possession of clothing items that resembled items that had been in the vehicle. Officers could not definitively determine that the clothing was the same, however. The warrant issued on Thursday December 28 was apparently not yet on file on Sunday December 31, and, lacking a charge or a warrant, officers released Ms. Charbonneau and Mr. Pinder. (Subsequently, in early January, officers were able to obtain video footage connecting Ms. Charbonneau and Mr. Pinder to the stolen vehicle.)
- On January 17, 2024, at approximately 1248 hours, a woman reported that her vehicle had been stolen from the Market32 parking lot on Shelburne Road (incident 24BU001223). Approximately an hour later, a Community Service Officer (CSO) located the vehicle in a garage on King Street and called officers. Officers found Ms. Charbonneau and two other known females near the car. All females denied having any involvement or association with the vehicle, and stated that they just happened to be around the vehicle as it was running with its lights on. Ms. Charbonneau was arrested for the \$1,000 warrant issued on December 28 and for other incidents. She was arraigned on Aggravated Operation w/o consent of owner and Possession of stolen property. The State's Attorney dropped a charge of 13 VSA § 1754 False reports to law enforcement

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authorities. The court released Ms. Charbonneau on conditions, and required that she appear again on January 19.

- On January 18, 2024, officers with the South Burlington Police Department arrested Ms. Charbonneau and Mr. Pinder for retail theft at Kohls (incident 24SB000574).
- On January 19, 2024, the court held a status conference for Ms Charbonneau, who did not appear. The office of the State’s Attorney rescinded the Tamarack referral. Ms. Charbonneau’s public defender requested that no warrant be issued. The court expressed a desire to have Ms. Charbonneau participate in a pretrial needs screening and set a calendar call for February 28, 2024.
- On January 28, 2024, at approximately 2256 hours, two victims were skateboarding in the Market32 parking lot when they discovered their vehicle missing (incident 24BU002021). One of their phones was in the vehicle, and they tracked it to the South Meadow apartments where they observed the vehicle and a woman sitting inside. At this point they called police. They told the woman to get out of the vehicle and she refused. One of the victims threatened to break the window if the woman did not exit the vehicle. The woman still refused to so the victim broke the window with his skateboard. The woman exited and fled. Officers responded and located Ms. Charbonneau. She was in possession of property from the vehicle, specifically a Nintendo Switch. The Switch had the victim’s profile enabled. When officers asked where she had gotten the Switch, Ms. Charbonneau advised she had bought the Switch from a “crack head.” She was taken into custody. During processing, Ms. Charbonneau stated she believed she had glass in her eyes from the window being smashed. Ms. Charbonneau was cited and released, and the Burlington Fire Department responded to BPD headquarters and transported Ms. Charbonneau to UVMMC.
- On January 30, 2024, officers with the South Burlington Police Department cited Ms. Charbonneau for Retail Theft (three counts) in violation of Title 13 VSA § 2575 Retail theft, 13 VSA § 1754 False reports to law enforcement authorities, and 13 VSA § 1028 Assault of protected professional (incident 24SB000955).
- On February 20, 2024, BPD officers arrested Ms. Charbonneau on a warrant at Decker Towers.

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Anyone with information about these incidents or any other crimes associated with Ms. Charbonneau or Mr. Pinder is asked to contact the Burlington Police Department at (802) 658-2704.

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