



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:
Reckless Endangerment	05/23/2023 0055 Hours
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:
23BU010131	Riverside Avenue
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:
Detective Corporal Byrne	(802) 540-2345

UPDATE: May 3, 2024

On March 19, 2024, Walter Jones, 28, of Springfield, Massachusetts, was arrested on multiple unrelated warrants in Massachusetts. Jones is a person of interest for the reckless endangerment incident on May 23, 2023. Jones is waiting to be extradited to Vermont. Jones was previously arrested and released for a shooting in Burlington on July 31, 2021, incident [21BU0011916](#).

On April 26, 2024, investigators with the Burlington Police Department arrested Jwan Austin, 27, of Detroit, Michigan, following an investigation into the reckless endangerment incident on May 23, 2023 on Riverside Avenue. Investigation revealed Austin engaged in an exchange of gunfire.

A review of Austin's criminal history reveals 1 Failure to Appear, arrests out of Vermont for Cocaine Possession, two active arrest warrants for Cocaine Possession and Reckless Endangerment, drug charges out of the Burlington Drug Enforcement Administration office, and a criminal history out of Michigan for traffic offenses, operating a vehicle with a suspended license, possession of stolen property, assault, malicious destruction of personal property, domestic violence, and assault with a dangerous weapon.

NARRATIVE:

On May 23, 2023 at approximately 12:55am, officers from the Burlington Police Department were dispatched to Riverside Avenue following multiple calls of gunshots fired.

Officers responded and located evidence of buildings and properties being struck by rounds. Currently, the BPD does not believe anyone was injured. A gas line was struck by a bullet and was actively leaking gas. Officers evacuated the building and streets were blocked off. The

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Burlington Fire Department arrived to shut off the gas and Vermont Gas responded to fix the gas line.

No suspects have been taken into custody. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Burlington Police Department at (802) 658-2704.

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