



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Assault on Firefighter and Police Officer	05/18/2024 1601 Hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
24BU010274	North Willard Street	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Michael Reynolds	46	Burlington
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Arrested for Assault; lodged at NWCF		

**UPDATE: May 20, 2024**

On May 20, 2024, Michael Reynolds appeared in court via video from Northwest State Correctional Facility and was arraigned, entering a plea of not guilty. The court released Mr. Reynolds after his arraignment. He was given conditions of release, including: come to court on May 29, 2024; cannot drink alcoholic beverages to the extent it interferes with your ability to exercise good judgement; cannot abuse/harass/threaten any member of Burlington Fire Department or Burlington Police Department in any way.

**NARRATIVE:**

On Saturday, May 18, 2024, at approximately 1601 hours, members of the Burlington Fire Department contacted dispatch and requested expedited assistance from the Burlington Police Department.

BFD personnel had responded to medical incident outside an address on North Willard Street, near the intersection with Henry Street. There they encountered Michael Reynolds, 46. Mr. Reynolds was apparently intoxicated and was uncooperative with BFD personnel. He became combative and BFD personnel requested police assistance with an expedited response. Mr. Reynolds physically menaced the firefighters and assaulted a fire captain via bodily fluids. He left the scene and firefighters witnessed him trying to enter random houses on Henry Street.

Responding police officers located Mr. Reynolds on Pearl St and took him into custody. Mr. Reynolds assaulted a police sergeant via bodily fluids, necessitating a trip to the emergency room for the sergeant. The court ordered that Mr. Reynolds be lodged at Northwest State Correctional

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Facility. At arraignment, police expect he will be charged with two counts of Assault of Protected Professional and one count of Aggravated Disorderly Conduct.

Mr. Reynolds has had 1,700 police encounters since the BPD adopted the Valcour computer-aided dispatch and records management system in 2012. A review of his criminal history shows six felony convictions, 42 misdemeanor convictions, and 13 assaultive crimes, including assault on an officer and using dangerous or deadly weapons. He has one escape charge and ten 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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