



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Assault	05/18/2024 1413 Hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
24BU010261	South Winooski Avenue	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Shawn McConnell	41	Transient
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Arrested for assault; released on citation by order of the court.		

**NARRATIVE:**

At approximately 1413 hours on Saturday, May 18, 2024, dispatchers at the Burlington Police Department received calls that a man had been seen assaulting another man on South Winooski Avenue, near the intersection with College Street. Responding officers determined that Shawn McConnell, 41, had approached an 82-year-old man and punched him one time, knocking the victim unconscious. Police believe that this was a random act of violence. The victim suffered facial injuries from the blow to the face and from striking the sidewalk and experienced significant bleeding. He was transported by the Burlington Fire Department to the University of Vermont Medical Center for treatment.

Police located Mr. McConnell at the entrance to the Marketplace parking garage on Bank Street and took him into custody for the assault. City cameras showed that Mr. McConnell had taken off the shirt he wore at the time of the assault and had given it to a female acquaintance. Rather than hold Mr. McConnell until arraignment on Monday, the court ordered that Mr. McConnell be released this afternoon, just hours after the alleged crime, and that he be given a citation to appear in court on Monday. The court also issued conditions of release, including an instruction to stay out of the City's "Inner Fire District," which largely equates to the downtown core.

Mr. McConnell has a criminal history in New Hampshire. Since arriving in Chittenden County in January 2023, he has had more than fifty local police engagements.

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

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