



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

MEDIA RELEASE

Please see the attached press release from the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Vermont. The Burlington Police Department is extremely grateful for the United States Attorney Office's partnership. We are also grateful for the partnership of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Homeland Security Investigations. A tremendous amount of work was done and we are continuously thankful to our partners for this collaboration.

The mentioned related state assault charges from late September 2022 is in reference to an assault and robbery that took place on Cherry Street. The victim of the assault received multiple skull fractures, broken ribs, and ocular injuries.

Additional details are available in the following BPD press releases:

- Update to Multiple Crimes | 09/30/2022
<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/Press/update-to-multiple-crimes>
- Assault and Robbery | 09/28/2022
<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/Press/assault-and-robbery>

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Philadelphia Man Sentenced to 24 Months in Drug Distribution Conspiracy

Rutland, Vermont – The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Vermont stated that on May 29, 2024, Jashier Gillespie, 22, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was sentenced by Chief United States District Judge Geoffrey W. Crawford to a term of 24 months' imprisonment to be followed by a 3-year term of supervised release. Gillespie previously pleaded guilty to conspiring to distribute cocaine base, fentanyl and heroin in Vermont between October 2021 and January 2023.

According to court records, Gillespie served as hand-to-hand distributor for the drug trafficking organization of which he was a part of, primarily in September 2022. He was arrested on related state assault charges in late September 2022 and has been detained since that time. Chief Judge Crawford ordered the federal sentence to run concurrently with any forthcoming state sentence on the assault charge.

United States Attorney Nikolas P. Kerest commended the collaborative investigatory efforts of Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Drug Enforcement Administration, Homeland Security Investigations, and the Burlington Police Department for their work in this case.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Eugenia A. P. Cowles. Gillespie was represented by John C. Mabie, Esq.

The case was investigated under the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF). OCDETF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level criminal organizations that threaten the United States using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency approach. For more information about Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces, please visit [Justice.gov/OCDETF](https://www.justice.gov/OCDETF).

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