



POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON

**MEDIA RELEASE**

June 10, 2024

Last night, the Burlington Police Department experienced and responded to a number of incidents. No officers were in service after 11:00pm until approximately 5:20am because of response to major incidents. At one stage, the number of people who were in custody was the same as the number of officers on shift.

Currently, we have 26 officers available for patrol spread across three shifts: days, evenings, and midnights. Day and evening shifts typically have three to five patrol officers assigned for the entirety of the city. Midnights typically have two to three patrol officers.

Yesterday's evening shift had three officers with one supervisor and the midnight shift had two officers with one supervisor. The evening shift typically ends at 2:45am. Two of the three evening officers were held over on overtime to assist with calls until approximately 6:00am. The third officer was held over until approximately 7:00am. One officer from dayshift started early to assist with call volume.

Here is a summary of some, not all, of the incidents our police officers responded to last night.

**ARSON (24BU012275)**

On June 9, 2024, at approximately 8:31pm, officers with the Burlington Police Department responded to a report of an arson. Investigation revealed juveniles set fire to paper in the dug outs of Schifilliti Park. One bicycle was seized as evidence. No one is currently in custody.

**SUSPICIOUS EVENT (24BU012278)**

At approximately 9:38pm, officers with the Burlington Police Department responded to a report of firearms being discharged near Riverside Avenue / North Prospect Street. Officers were unable to corroborate this report with ballistic evidence or other witness statements, and this is not considered a gunfire incident.

*Information is preliminary and subject to change.*

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**TRESPASS (24BU012281)**

At approximately 10:28pm, officers with the Burlington Police Department responded to a report of a trespass issue near the 200 block of Church Street. Burlington Housing Authority (BHA) were called. BHA advised they would not be responding to assist.

**AGGRAVATED ASSAULT / DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE (24BU012282)**

At approximately 11:11pm, officers with the Burlington Police Department responded to a report of a domestic assault on South Willard Street. Dispatch advised officers the male suspect, Nicolelus Sanborn, 30, of Burlington, had an outstanding arrest warrant.

Upon arrival, officers knocked on the residence door and Sanborn answered the door with a firearm in hand. Officers instructed Sanborn to drop the gun. Sanborn closed the door and retreated inside the residence. He advised officers that he threw the firearm out the window, which was confirmed by officers. Screaming and yelling could be heard inside the residence. No one would open the door. As a result, officers breached the door. Sanborn climbed out of the window, stood on the roof, picked up a large stick (approximately 4 inches by 4 inches, and approximately 3 to 4 feet long), and threatened to strike officers with it. Officers pointed their firearms, Sanborn dropped the stick, and slammed a window shut on an officer. Sanborn threatened to kill the officer while raising his fist to strike the officer. After this, Sanborn climbed down from the roof and was taken into custody. Sanborn is being held without bail.

A review of Sanborn's criminal history shows 3 Failures to Appear, 2 Violation of Court Orders or Conditions Charges, 4 Felony Charges with 1 Conviction, 8 Misdemeanor Charges with 7 Convictions, 4 Assaultive Crime Charges with 2 Convictions, and 1 Assault on Officer Charge.

**AGENCY ASSIST & CUSTODIAL INTERFERENCE (24BU012283 & 24BU012290)**

At approximately 11:17pm, officers with the Burlington Police Department responded to an agency assist, which turned into an arrest for custodial interference on Cayuga Court.

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Aaron Tudhope, 46, of Fairfax, had supervised visitation for his child. Tudhope did not return his child to the child's mother who has sole custody. The mother listed the child as a runaway. Officers began applying for a search warrant and notified Tudhope that he would be charged with custodial interference. Soon after, the child was peacefully returned to their mother. Tudhope was arrested and cited.

**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE (24BU012289)**

On June 10, 2024, at approximately 1:27am, officers with the Burlington Police Department responded to a domestic disturbance on North Avenue. Mutual aid was called to assist.

Following the investigation, Regal Spencer, 28, of Williston, was arrested for aggravated domestic assault and Maria Chaparro-Hammond, 24, of Burlington, was arrested for misdemeanor domestic assault. Both were offered temporary restraining orders. Spencer and Chaparro-Hammond were processed and released on citations to appear in court.

If you or someone you know are experiencing intimate partner violence, support can be found through:

- Vermont Network (802) 223-1302
- Steps to End Domestic Violence (802) 658-1996
- National Domestic Violence Hotline 1 (800) 799-7233

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

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