



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:		DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon (Vehicle), Multiple Leaving Scene of Accidents (Felonies), Simple Assault on a Police Officer, Aggravated Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer, Unlawful Mischief (Felony), Eluding a Police Officer, Resisting Arrest, and Grossly Negligent Operation of a motor vehicle.		28 June 2024, at approximately 1412 hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:		LOCATION:	
24BU014094		Archibald St, Burlington, VT	
INVESTIGATOR:		INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Ofc. Williamson (#424)			
AUTHOR:		APPROVED BY:	
LT. Michael Henry			
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:	
Thomas O'Halloran	48	Burlington, VT	
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:			
Thomas O'Halloran was taken into custody on multiple felonies and misdemeanors for operating a motor vehicle in a reckless and dangerous manner on a public highway where he struck multiple vehicles at separate times. Mr. O'Halloran struck a Burlington Police cruiser in an attempt to flee Officers who were outside of the cruiser attempting to take him into custody to prevent Mr. O'Halloran endangering the public further. Mr. Halloran was lodged at Northwest Correctional Facility on \$10,000.00 bail.			

Investigation is still pending and this is preliminary information being released and is subject to change pending new information or leads.

NARRATIVE:

On June 28, 2024 at 1224 hours, Burlington Police Dispatch Center received a report of a motor vehicle compliant in the area of Riverside Avenue, in Burlington. The caller reported the operator of a beige Ford F-250 operating erratically, weaving, and almost hitting vehicles. The caller stated the Ford F-250 was entering Winooski. Burlington Police Dispatch Center notified Winooski Police Department as the vehicle was now in Winooski near the roundabout.

At approximately 1233 hours, Burlington Police Dispatch Center received a 911 call of a beige Ford F-250 operating erratically that struck a parked vehicle and fled the scene, heading towards

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No. Winooski Avenue. The caller provided the registration which matched the registration from the initial caller approximately 10 minutes earlier. Officers responded to the area to locate the Ford F-250. As Officers were in route to the area, Dispatch advised Officers that the Ford F-250 was reported stolen out of Essex, VT.

Burlington Police Dispatch Center received a 911 call that the Ford F-250 was seen operating erratically in the area of Pearl St. An additional 911 call was reporting the Ford F-250 had hit the curb causing the vehicle to go up on the sidewalk at the Downtown Transit Center located at 100 Cherry St, Burlington. The Burlington Fire Department (BFD) was in the area at the time and reported seeing the vehicle traveling east on Pearl St. BFD radioed Burlington Fire Dispatch notifying Officers that the Ford F-250 had turned onto Grant St, heading westbound. The Ford F-250 then turned onto North St where BFD lost sight of it.

Burlington Police Dispatch received a 911 call that a beige Ford F-250 had crashed into a house on Manhattan Drive and fled the scene. The caller also reported that the Ford F-250 hit another parked vehicle on Manhattan Drive as it fled the scene.

Burlington Police Dispatch Center received multiple 911 calls reporting the vehicle was at the Salmon Hole off Riverside Avenue. Additional callers reported the vehicle left Salmon Hole Parking lot and was headed westbound on Riverside Avenue. Officers located the Ford F-250 and attempted to conduct a motor vehicle stop. The vehicle failed to stop for Officers who had activated their emergency blue lights and siren. Multiple Officers responded to the area to assist when the Ford F-250 swerved around a stopped marked police cruiser that was occupying the eastbound lane with emergency lights activated. The Ford F-250 swerved back into the westbound lane and crashed into a vehicle stopped in traffic at a traffic light. The operator of the Ford F-250 put the vehicle in reverse, stopped, went forward, and rammed the vehicle several times that it collided with. The Ford F-250 broke free as Officers were near the vehicle ordering the operator out of the vehicle.

The Ford F-250 fled down North Winooski Avenue at speeds greater than the posted speed limit. The suspect vehicle then entered the St. Joseph's Cemetery where the vehicle crashed into a gravestone. Officers exited their cruiser and ordered the operator out of the vehicle. The suspect placed the vehicle in reverse and then drove forward to dislodge the vehicle from the gravestone. In the process the suspect struck a Burlington cruiser with Officers standing next to it as they ordered the operator out of the vehicle. The operator was able to break free of the gravestone

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and fled deeper into the Cemetery where he struck a second gravestone. The vehicle got stuck partially over the embankment before exiting the driver's door, and fleeing on foot down the embankment. Officers had set up a perimeter when Officers at the bottom of the hill located the suspect attempting to flee. Officers were able to take the suspect into custody. The suspect was identified as Thomas Halloran, age 48. While in custody, Mr. O'Halloran bit an Officer in the leg, causing injury. Mr. O'Halloran was lodged at Northwest Correctional Facility on \$10,000 bail and will appear in court on 07/01/2024 at 1030 hours.

Mr. Halloran was charged with multiple felonies and misdemeanors to include; Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon (Felony), Multiple Leaving Scene of Accidents (Felonies), Simple Assault on a Police Officer (Misdemeanor), Aggravated Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle (Felony), Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer (Felony), Unlawful Mischief (Felony), Eluding a Police Officer (Felony), Resisting Arrest (Misdemeanor), and Grossly Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle (Felony).

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

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