



POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON

**MEDIA RELEASE**

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Larceny from A Person & Violation of Court Conditions	July 11, 2024 at 1550 hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
24BU015283 & 24BU014901	Marketplace (Church St, Burlington)	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Ofc. Gonzalez & Ofc. LaCouture	(802) 540-2382/(802) 540-2165	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
LT. Michael Henry		
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Melody Phillips	39	Burlington, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Ms. Phillips was taken into custody for violating her court conditions of release that stem from an Assault and Robbery that she was arrested for on July 10, 2024. Ms. Phillips also received a new charge after an investigation that she stole money from a 97 year old male victim who was walking on the Marketplace on July 07, 2024. Ms. Phillips was lodged on \$1,000 bail for the felony, Larceny from a Person.		

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

**NARRATIVE:**

On 11 July 2024 at approximately 1550 hours, Officers were on foot on Church St, also known as the Marketplace, when Officers encountered Melody Phillips on Church St, violating her court conditions.

Phillips was issued court conditions to remain off Church St after being arraigned on July 10, 2024 for Assault and Robbery where she forcibly stolen money from a 72 year male victim who had fallen to the ground and sustained a minor injury. During this investigation, the lead investigating Officer learned of a second incident from speaking to witnesses.

It was learned that on July 07, 2024, Phillips had stolen money from a 97 year old male victim as he used his walker to walk on Church St. The lead investigating Officer followed up with the victim and several witnesses. The investigation revealed that on July 06, 2024, the victim had an interaction with Phillips where the victim gave Phillips twenty dollars as she asked for help. On

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July 07, 2024, Phillips observed the victim walking on Church St and approached him asking for money again. Phillips suddenly “leapt in front” of the victim’s walker, stopping him from continuing. Phillips reached into the victim’s pants pocket and stole his wallet. Phillips ran off, only to return after the victim pleaded for her to return his wallet as there was no money in it. Phillips brought the wallet back to the victim only to reach into the victim’s other pants pocket grabbing thirty-five to forty dollars before leaving the area.

It was also learned that on July 07, 2024, Phillips had stolen tip money from a local business on Church.

Phillips was lodged on \$1000.00 bail and is due in court to answer to the new charges of Violation of Court Conditions and Larceny from a Person (Felony). Phillips will be arraigned on July 12, 2024 at 1030 hours.

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

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