



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

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| INCIDENT TYPE: | DATE/TIME REPORTED: | |
| Burglary | 08/05/2024 0403 Hours | |
| INCIDENT NUMBER: | LOCATION: | |
| 24BU017656 | 100 Block of Pine Street | |
| INVESTIGATOR: | INVESTIGATOR CONTACT: | |
| Sergeant Vivori | (802) 540-2332 | |
| SUSPECT: | AGE: | SUSPECT ADDRESS: |
| Mark Flanders | 43 | Burlington, VT |
| SUSPECT DISPOSITION: | | |
| Mark Flanders was released with a flash cite. | | |

NARRATIVE:

On August 5, 2024, at approximately 4:03am, Emergency Communications Specialists with the Burlington Police Department received a report that a male broke into an empty apartment. The male was later identified as Mark Flanders, 43, of Burlington.

Due to staffing shortage, there were no officers available at the time of the call. Of the two officers assigned to the midnight patrol shift, one officer was with a woman arrested on a warrant who was taken to the hospital for a pre-existing condition, and the other was with a juvenile runaway from Bennington who had crashed a stolen vehicle in Burlington and was being evaluated for injuries from the crash while the officer waited for the Vermont Department of Children and Families to take custody of the juvenile.

A short time later, a BPD officer responded with UVM Police and located Flanders. Flanders was taken into custody, transported back to the PD and released with a flash cite. Flanders made statements that he wanted to go to the Northwest State Correctional Facility and that we would commit further crimes so he could go to jail.

A review of Flanders' Vermont criminal history shows, he has 8 failures to appear, 18 misdemeanor charges with 15 convictions, and 12 assaultive crime charges with 8 convictions.

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

Information is preliminary and subject to change.