MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:		DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Aggravated Assault		08/21/2024 0936 Hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:		LOCATION:	
24BU019250		Lafayette Place	
INVESTIGATOR:		INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Corporal Yeh		(802) 540-2212	
SUSPECT:		AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Jason Gerrard		34	Burlington, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:			
Jason Gerrard was taken into custody.			

NARRATIVE:

On August 21, 2024, at approximately 9:36am, officers with the Burlington Police Department responded to a residence on Lafayette Place to assist Howard Center Street Outreach and First Call with a male subject exhibiting threatening and homicidal behavior. The male subject was identified as Jason Gerrard, 34, of Burlington.

Upon arrival, members of Howard Center attempted to speak with Gerrard over the phone but were unsuccessful. A member of Howard Center then knocked at the door of the residence. A few moments later, Gerrard came running down from the second floor of the apartment building and opened the main door. At this time, the Howard Street employee noticed Gerrard in possession of a large hatchet. The Howard Street employee closed the storm door on Gerrard's arm, in fear that Gerrard would cause bodily harm, causing the Howard Center employee to retreat. Gerrard forced his way through both doors and turned toward the Howard Center employee. Officers drew their department-issued firearms and ordered Gerrard to drop the weapon. Another officer drew his conducted electrical weapon (CEW, commonly known as a Taser), and placed himself between Gerrard and the member of Howard Center. Gerrard observed officers and dropped the hatchet. Gerrard was taken into custody and transported to the BPD for processing. Gerrard was arraigned today and held without bail.

A review of Gerrard's criminal history includes 1 failure to appear, 2 felony charges, 10 misdemeanor charges, and 1 assaultive crime charges.

Information is preliminary and subject to change.

POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

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