



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:
Robbery	08/25/2024 1446 Hours
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:
24BU019600	142 North Winooski Avenue
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:
Detective Padric Hartnett	(802) 540-2351
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:
Lieutenant Mike Beliveau	Lieutenant Mike Beliveau

UPDATE:

On August 27, 2024, at approximately 5:30 PM, BPD Investigators and the Emergency Response Unit arrested Richard Vardenski, 56, of Peabody, Massachusetts pursuant to an arrest warrant stemming from a probation violation for an underlying robbery conviction in MA. Vardenski was lodged at the Northwest State Correctional Facility where he is currently being held.

Vardenski was charged with the robbery from two days prior of the Old North End Variety store located on North Winooski Ave. Vardenski is scheduled to appear in court on 9/5/24 at 1030.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Detective Padric Hartnett at (802) 540-2351.

NARRATIVE:

On August 25, 2024, at approximately 2:46pm, officers with the Burlington Police Department were dispatched to a report of an armed robbery that had occurred at the Old North End Variety located on North Winooski Avenue.

Upon arrival, investigation determined a male suspect entered the store and approached the counter carrying a firearm. The suspect pointed the gun at the clerk, demanded money, and a pack of cigarettes. The suspect then fled on foot eastbound on North Street to a vehicle waiting.

This case has been referred to our Detective Services Bureau. The BPD is asking the public for assistance in identifying a suspect in this incident. Photos of the suspect are provided below.

Information is preliminary and subject to change.



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