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MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Aggravated Assault	12/14/2015 at 1927 hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
15BU035799	Main St. at City Hall Park	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Det. Beerworth	(802) 540-2280	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
D/Lt. Shawn P. Burke	D/Lt. Shawn P. Burke	
VICTIM:	AGE:	VICTIM ADDRESS:
Perry Thornley	51	Transient Burlington, VT
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Jason Ploof	31	Transient Burlington, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Lodged for lack of \$25,000 bail		

NARRATIVE:

On 12/14/2015 at approximately 1927 hours a Burlington Police Officer was flagged down by a pedestrian in the area of City Hall Park on Main St. who reported a stabbing. Officers soon found the victim, Perry Thornley, suffering from two stab wounds to his torso. Thornley advised that he was stabbed by another transient male whom he had a dispute with over the area in which Thornley was successfully panhandling.

Thornley was transported to UVMHC and treated for non life-threatening injuries sustained during the stabbing. The Burlington Police Detective Bureau assumed the investigation and identified the male responsible for the stabbing. Jason Ploof, 31 years of age and a transient of Burlington, was arrested this afternoon and charged with the crime of Aggravated Assault. Ploof is being held by the Department of Corrections for lack of \$25,000 bail and will be arraigned in Superior Court on 12/16/2015.

Ploof has an extensive criminal history in the State of Vermont which includes: three felony arrests resulting in two felony convictions and twenty misdemeanor arrests resulting in eleven misdemeanor convictions, for a total of thirteen prior criminal convictions. Ploof was under supervision with the Vermont Department of Corrections, specifically on probation at the time of his most recent arrest.

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