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MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Motor Vehicle Accident	December 5, 2014 @ 4:40 A.M.	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
14BU34031	Pine St., between Maple St. and King St.	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Officer William Drinkwine # 304	802-540-2304	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Sgt. Paul Petralia # 147	Sgt. Paul Petralia # 147	
Operator # 1	AGE:	Operator address
Thomas Bridges	47	South Burlington, VT
Operator # 2	AGE:	Operator address
N/A	N/A	N/A
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Bridges was transported to the UVM Medical Center for evaluation/Pine St. between Maple St. and King St. will be closed for several hours this morning while crews replace the telephone pole that was struck.		

On December 5, 2014 at approximately 4:40 A.M., officers from the Burlington Police Department responded with the Burlington Fire Department to the area of Pine St. and Maple St. for a report of a motor vehicle that struck a telephone pole.

It was determined that Thomas Bridges, age 47 South Burlington, was operating a Chevrolet truck southbound on Pine St. when he struck a telephone pole on the green belt between Maple St. and King St. The force of the impact caused the telephone pole to break, but it did remain in place and did not cause an immediate hazard for people in the area. The vehicle's airbag deployed and Bridges was transported to the University of Vermont Medical Center for evaluation. Bridges didn't report any injuries as a result of the accident and alcohol/drugs do not appear to be a factor.

Burlington Electric Department crews also responded to the area and anticipate having to close off Pine St. between Maple St. and King St. for several hours this morning while they replace the pole. The accident remains under investigation and anybody with information is asked to contact Officer William Drinkwine at 802-540-2304.

Respect ~ Honor ~ Remember

*Officer James P. McGrath, end of watch May 12, 1904; Officer J. Albert Fisher, end of watch December 15, 1947;
Officer Robert W. Provost, end of watch January 13, 1954*