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MEDIA RELEASE **UPDATE: 3/11/2015**

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Retail Theft (Felony)	03/09/15, 1803 hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION: Advance Music	
15BU005551	75 Maple St., Burlington, VT 05401	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Officer Bowers	802-540-2344	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Officer Bowers	Sgt Trombley	
VICTIM:	AGE:	VICTIM ADDRESS:
Advance Music		75 Maple St., Burlington, VT 05401
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Thomas J. Popke	35	Hinesburg, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Popke is currently in lodged at N.W Correctional Facility on unrelated charges.		

NARRATIVE:

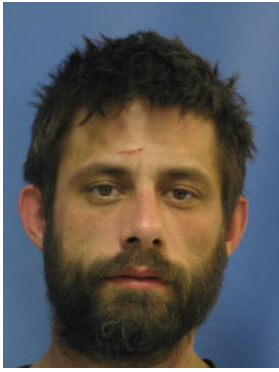
On March 9th, 2015 at approximately 1630 hours a male suspect left Advance Music carrying a black guitar case with red or pink tape on it. It was later determined that this subject had stolen a Taylor K24CE acoustic guitar (Serial #: 1106244152) valued at \$5618.00. The suspect had left behind the guitar depicted in the attached photos. Anyone with knowledge of the owner of this guitar is asked to contact Burlington Police at 802-540-2344 or Crimestoppers at 802-864-6666.

UPDATE:

On March 11, 2015 at approximately 2030 hours Burlington Police Department with assistance from a Crimestoppers tip, were able to locate and recover the stolen Taylor guitar taken from Advanced Music on 3/9/15. The Burlington Police identified the suspect as, Thomas J. Popke DOB: 12/18/1978 of Hinesburg, VT. The Burlington Police Department would like to thank the local media for airing this story and the public for their assistance solving this case. Popke was charged with Felony Retail Theft and Unlawful Mischief and is due in Chittenden County Criminal Court on March 19th, 2015.

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