



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Sale of Cocaine / Possession of Cocaine	08/02/18 / 8:13 PM	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
18BU015370	Burlington, VT	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Det. Tremblay	802-540-2323	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Det. Sgt. Daniel Merchand	Det. Sgt. Daniel Merchand	
VICTIM:	AGE:	VICTIM ADDRESS:
N / A		
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Von Simmonds aka "RED"	36	Burlington, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Arrested and Lodged		

**NARRATIVE:**

Members of the Burlington Police Detective Bureau Narcotics Unit in conjunction with the State Police Northern Vermont Drug Task Force (NVDTF) conducted an investigation of Von Simmonds of Burlington, VT who utilized the nickname "RED". Simmonds was identified as distributing cocaine in Burlington, VT while being on Federal Supervised Release from a previous conviction for Conspiracy to Distribute Narcotics. After a series of undercover purchases of crack cocaine from Simmonds by Burlington PD and NVDTF a search warrant was obtained for an apartment in a building on St. Paul Street Simmonds was utilizing to distribute cocaine from. On August 2, 2018, members of the Burlington Police Department executed the search warrant, which resulted in the recovery of crack cocaine, powder cocaine and approximately \$3,400 in US currency. A check of the currency revealed serialized currency that had previously been utilized in one of the undercover purchases of crack cocaine from Simmonds. Simmonds was arrested and lodged for Sale of Cocaine and Possession of Cocaine. Simmonds is scheduled to be arraigned in Chittenden Superior Court on August 3, 2018 at 8:00 am to answer to the new charges.