

CUSI

Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations

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INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:
Sexual Assault and Unlawful Restraint	01/27/2019
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:
19BU001895	Burlington, VT
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:
Detective Rene Young	802-652-6895
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:
Det. Sgt. Brian LaBarge	Det. Sgt. Brian LaBarge
SUSPECT:	AGE: SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Robert J. Bigelow	25 Burlington, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:	
Mr. Bigelow will be arraigned in Chittenden	County Court- Criminal Division this afternoon

In January 2019, the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations (CUSI) was contacted by the Burlington Police Department regarding a report that Mr. Robert J. Bigelow, 25, of Burlington, VT was suspected to be in a sexual relationship with a 15-year-old juvenile. Detectives from CUSI along with a DCF investigator began investigating these allegations.

As a result of the investigation Robert Bigelow was arrested this morning at his residence in Burlington by Detectives from CUSI. Mr. Bigelow will be brought to Chittenden County Court- Criminal Division to be arraigned on the charges of sexual assault and unlawful restraint in the second degree.

A person convicted of the crime of Sexual Assault in violation of Title 13 V.S.A. § 3252(c) shall be imprisoned for not more than 20 years, and, in addition, may be fined not more than \$10,000. A person convicted of the crime of Unlawful Restraint in the second degree in violation of Title 13 V.S.A. § 2406(a1) is punishable by imprisonment for not more than five years or a fine of not more than \$25,000.00, or both.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual assault, there is support available. Even if the assault did not happen recently, there are resources to help you decide what is best for you, including free medical treatment, advocacy and support. You don't have to go through this alone. There is a whole community ready to support you. For more information, call the state-wide confidential hotline, 800-489-7273, or see the website for the VT Network against Sexual and Domestic Violence, www.vtnetwork.org.

Thank you,

Detective Sergeant Brian LaBarge



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