MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:**ARMED ROBBERY**		DATE/TIME REPORTED: **MONDAY May 6, 2019 0843**
INCIDENT NUMBER: **19BU008880**		LOCATION: **SIMON'S QUICKSTOP, 93 S WINOOSKI AVE**
INVESTIGATOR: **Det. Jamie Morris**		INVESTIGATOR CONTACT: **802 540 2254**
AUTHOR: **Det. Jamie Morris**		APPROVED BY :**Lt. James Trieb**
VICTIM: **2 Female Store employees**		
SUSPECT: **Ethan VIllemaire, Jeffrey Leduc**		

NARRATIVE:

The Burlington Police Department is requesting the public's assistance in regards to an armed robbery, which occurred at Simon's Downtown Quick Stop, 93 South Winooski Avenue. At approximately 0843 hours, Burlington Police Officers responded to the listed location for a report of an armed robbery. An unknown male subject entered the store and violently assaulted two female employees. The suspect threatened the employees with a weapon, which was not displayed and the suspect fled the store with an unknown amount of money. Both females sustained non-life threatening injuries and were treated at the UVM Medical Center.

UPDATE- May 12, 2019: The Burlington Police Department identified the armed robbery suspect as Ethan Villemaire, age 28 of Burlington, Vermont. Villemaire was arrested and charged with assault and robbery and is currently held on $25,000 bail and an escape warrant issued by the Vermont Department of Corrections. A second suspect, identified as Jeffrey Leduc, age 32 of Burlington, has been charged with Accessory to assault and robbery before and after the fact. Leduc is currently incarcerated with the Vermont Department of Corrections on unrelated charges, and was cited to appear in court.

"The attack on these two cashiers was violent and sustained," said Brandon del Pozo, Chief of Police. "The man who did it and his accomplice were a threat to our community. I'm glad that the relentless work of Burlington Police Department detectives resulted in arrests and charges against two men for this crime. We will not tolerate when criminals victimize the people behind the counters of our small businesses by attacking and robbing them."