



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE
TWO FELONY ASSAULTS IN BATTERY PARK

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Felony Assault and Disorderly Conduct/Hindering	05/21/2019, 1657 hours	
Felony Assault	05/21/2019, 2331 hours	
Disturbance	05/22/2019, 1027 hours	
INCIDENT NUMBERS:	LOCATION:	
19BU010137	Battery Park	
19BU010164	Battery Park	
19BU010182	City Hall Park	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Officer Vivori	(802) 540-2271	
Officer Baur		
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
DC Murad	Chief del Pozo	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Tyrone O. Bryant	41	Burlington
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Cory O. Lott	40	Burlington

NARRATIVE:

On May 21, 2019, at approximately 1657 hours, the Burlington Police responded to calls of a daytime assault in Battery Park with reports of multiple fighters and one person down on the ground. Arriving officers discovered a male unconscious and injured, partially undressed and surrounded by blood. The victim was transported by the Burlington Fire Department to the University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMMC) where he was intubated.

Multiple persons were in the immediate vicinity of the assault, all of whom were uncooperative. Another witness in the park was able to identify one of those persons, Tyrone Bryant, 41, as a suspect in the assault. Mr. Bryant was arrested at the scene. He has been an arrestee, suspect, or person of interest in dozens of police incidents involving assaults, disturbances, thefts, threats and harassment, public intoxication, and various other charges. He has two felony convictions and five misdemeanor convictions.

During Mr. Bryant's arrest, another uncooperative person present at the scene of the assault, Cory Lott, 40, intervened and attempted to hinder officers from effecting a lawful arrest. Despite



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being warned that his behavior was unlawful, Mr. Lott continued to threaten and disobey officers. He was arrested at the scene. Mr. Lott has been an arrestee, suspect, or person of interest in dozens of police incidents involving assaults, disturbances, threats and harassment, public intoxication, and various other charges. He has two misdemeanor convictions and two sex-crime convictions.

Both these individuals were released later Tuesday night. Mr. Lott was released with a citation for hindering arrest and disorderly conduct at approximately 1921 hours. Subsequent to his release, Mr. Bryant made statements implicating Mr. Lott in the assault. Officers Vivori and Baur built on those statements to continue to develop a case against both suspects for the felony assault. Mr. Bryant was released with a citation for assault at approximately 2030 hours.

At approximately 2331 hours, police responded to Battery Park for a second felony assault. The victim was identified as having been one of the uncooperative witnesses to the earlier assault. He had been slashed about the face and arms with a knife, sustaining multiple deep lacerations. Additionally, he had been kicked in the head and face. The victim was uncooperative and refused to identify his assailants. He was transported to UVMMC where he received twenty-four sutures to close his wounds.

On Wednesday, May 22, at approximately 0845 hours, at UVMMC, Officers Vivori and Baur interviewed the victims of the both the first assault and second assaults. The first victim was unable to offer specific details of his assault. The second victim identified Mr. Bryant and Mr. Lott as having perpetrated the first assault. He stated they beat the first victim unconscious and then took and discarded his shoes and attempted to remove his pants to humiliate him. Furthermore, the second victim identified Mr. Lott as having slashed him and Mr. Bryant as having kicked and struck him during the second felony assault.

At approximately 1027 hours on Wednesday, May 22, police were called to City Hall Park. Employees of surrounding businesses reported that a male was drinking in public and being verbally aggressive towards and accosting members of the public using the park, including participants in a UVM Horticulture meeting taking place in the park. Responding officers identified Mr. Lott as the subject of the calls, and located Mr. Bryant in the park as well. Officers Vivori and Baur directed that Mr. Lott and Mr. Bryant be arrested and transported to One North Avenue. Each was charged with aggravated assault and held without bail pending arraignment.



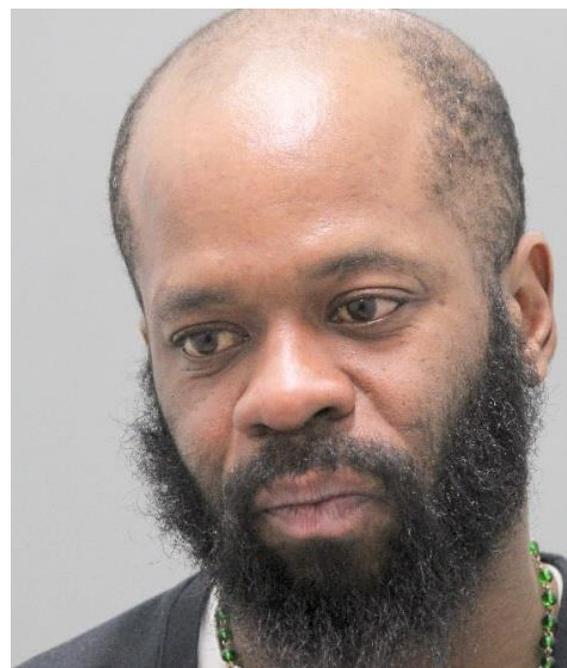
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Deputy Chief of Operations Jon Murad stated, “Burlington’s parks and great outdoor spaces belong to all of us, but behaviors like those of which these men are accused—from aggressive disorder to felony assault—prevent all of us from fairly enjoying them. Officers Vivori and Baur did exemplary work building a case with neighbors who understand that public safety is a shared responsibility, who came forward to make initial identifications. From there the officers worked to earn cooperation from uncooperative victims, collected evidence and elicited statements from dangerous suspects, and ultimately ensured that two men accused of violent crimes were apprehended. Burlington is safer because of their efforts.”

The Burlington Police Department seeks the public’s assistance in providing any additional information about these assaults in a public park. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Burlington Police at 658-2271 or call 911.



CORY LOTT



TYRONE BRYANT

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