

MEDIA RELEASE

| INCIDENT TYPE: | DATE/TIME REPORTED: |
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| Arson, Unlawful Mischief, Hate Motivated Crime | 06/01/2019 at 0810 |
| INCIDENT NUMBER: | LOCATION: |
| 19BU011024 | Bright Street, Burlington, VT |
| INVESTIGATOR: | INVESTIGATOR CONTACT: |
| Detective Corporal Stoughton | 802-540-2288 |
| AUTHOR: | APPROVED BY: |
| Detective Corporal Stoughton | Detective LT. James Trieb #251 |
| VICTIM: | AGE: VICTIM ADDRESS: |
| Burlington Residents | |
| SUSPECT: | AGE: SUSPECT ADDRESS: |
| UNKNOWN | |

NARRATIVE:

On June 1st, 2019, at approximately 8:10 AM the Burlington Police Department responded to a report of a Pride Flag that had been burned on the porch of an occupied house on Bright Street. Officers arrived to find the melted remains of the flag and found that the porch had been scorched.

It was determined that the incident took place at approximately 4:37 AM on June 1st. Further investigation revealed a nearby surveillance camera had captured the entire incident.

The surveillance footage showed a lone actor walking directly to the residence and lighting the flag on fire without hesitation. The suspect then casually walked away from the scene toward Riverside Avenue (see video #1).

Police also located video surveillance footage of a person of interest riding a bicycle on Riverside Avenue headed toward Intervale Road around the time of the crime (see video #2). Police are looking to talk to this person as a potential witness to the above crime.

Attached you will find the two video clips. Video #1 (Suspect burning Pride Flag) shows the suspect setting the flag afire (top right of the screen) and video #2 (Person of Interest near crime



scene) shows a potential witness riding a bicycle on Riverside Avenue, a short distance from the crime location.

Anyone with information about the incident, or about the subject(s) of the videos, is encouraged to call Detective Stoughton directly at 802-540-2288.

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