



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Domestic Assault	06/24/2019 2244 Hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
19BU013047	96 Ethan Allen Parkway	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
DC Murad	DC Murad	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
William McDonald	37	96 Ethan Allen Parkway
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Arrested for Aggravated Assault.		

NARRATIVE:

At 2244 hours on Monday, June 24, 2019, Burlington Police dispatch received reports of a domestic assault at an apartment at 96 Ethan Allen Parkway. A female caller stated that she had been assaulted, bitten, choked, and thrown down stairs. She further stated that she was several months pregnant. Officers responded to the scene and observed injuries consistent with the victim's statement.

They went to the location of the assault and attempted to contact the suspect but received no response at the door. The victim then informed officers that a rifle was inside. Officers notified a supervisor who directed the deployment of the Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) and the "Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics" (ICAT) protocols that BPD has developed in conjunction with other leading police departments and the Police Executive Research Forum.

Because the victim was intoxicated, officers had to develop independent corroborating evidence in order to formulate a tactical plan for making contact with the suspect, and, if necessary, entering the townhouse apartment in order to apprehend him. This included slowing things down, roping off the door so that officers could control access, and then deploying a small robot to visually surveil the interior of the first floor. Throughout, a trained negotiator continually attempted to communicate and connect with the suspect, although the suspect remained unresponsive. Using the robot, officers were able to locate the firearm and ascertain that the first



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floor of the apartment was empty. Officers then made entry and secured the firearm, a loaded shot gun.

Officers now focused on the second floor, continuing to attempt negotiations and calling out to the suspect. The robot was deployed again to gain intelligence about the second floor, and officers then moved upstairs. Just before 0100 hours, they safely apprehended the suspect, with no injuries to any party.

“This incident was proof that the tools and tactics that the Burlington Police Department uses to slow things down work,” said Deputy Chief Jon Murad. “Chief del Pozo built the ERV and helped lead ICAT’s development because of a deep belief that when officers keep time on their side, they keep everyone safe. That means suspects, cops, and all our neighbors. This is something we do frequently and well. Burlingtonians can feel confident that the resources we deployed tonight, from the highly trained men and women working the scene to the unique equipment that they used, are unlike anything else in the state.”



William McDonald (photo 2017)