



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE: Robbery	DATE/TIME REPORTED: 8/18/2019	
INCIDENT NUMBER: 19BU017954	LOCATION: 123 North St. Burlington VT	
INVESTIGATOR: Cpl. Henry	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT: 802-540-2363	
AUTHOR: Sgt. DiFranco	APPROVED BY: Dept. Chief Murad	
VICTIM:	AGE:20	VICTIM ADDRESS:
	21	
SUSPECT: Abubakar Sharrif	AGE:19	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Johara Arbow	20	
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		

NARRATIVE:

On August 18, 2019, at approximately 1554 hours, the Burlington Police Department responded to the area of 123 North Street for a report of an Assault and Robbery. Two male victims age 20 and 21 had arranged to meet Abubakar Sharrif, 19, and a second unidentified male suspect at that address to purchase a phone.

The two male victims produced the money to purchase the cellphone. Mr. Sharrif and Suspect #2 assaulted them and took the money.

A witness known to the department observed Mr. Sharrif and Suspect #2 enter a vehicle driven by Johara Arbow, 20. The witness provided a description of the suspects and the vehicle's license plate to police.

A short time later the vehicle was observed driving west on North Street near Park Street and was stopped by officers. Owing to the violent nature of the crime, officers conducted a high-risk motor vehicle stop. Mr. Sharrif and Ms. Arbow were removed from the vehicle, placed in handcuffs, and taken to the Burlington Police Department. Suspect #2 was not in the vehicle and as of the time this press release has not been identified.

Mr. Sharrif initially gave several false names before officers were able to identify him. Officers then learned Mr. Sharrif was wanted on a probation warrant stemming from two simple assault and petit larceny convictions. Additional investigation located video evidence that revealed the presence of a second unidentified suspect, Suspect #4



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If you have any information concerning this crime—particularly information about Suspect #2, described as a male, late teens or 20s, black—please call Cpl. Mike Henry at (802) 540-3321.