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MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Sexual Assault	Monday, November 2, 2020. 0250hrs	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
20CUSI000100	Maple Tree Place/Rt. 2. Williston, VT.	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Det. L. Learned	802-652-6800	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Det. Sgt. T. Nash	Nash 	
VICTIM:	AGE:	VICTIM ADDRESS:
Two Juvenile female victims	Juvenile	Juvenile
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Brandon Rhoades	24	Milton
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:	Taken into custody and Lodged on \$5,000.00 bail. Ordered to appear in court 11/10/20 for arraignment.	

NARRATIVE:

On Monday, November 2, 2020 at approximately 0250 hours, a Vermont State Police (VSP) Trooper observed two juveniles standing in a roadway in Williston, Vermont. Neither were dressed appropriately for the weather. It was later reported by the juveniles that they had met and communicated with a male, later identified as 24-year-old Brandon Rhoades, via the Snap Chat online social media app. They were further picked up by Rhoades, whom the juveniles believed to be 17 years old, in his vehicle. It was reported that while inside the vehicle, Rhoades allegedly provided alcohol to the two juveniles and sexually assaulted one of the juveniles and engaged in Lewd and Lascivious behavior with the other. Rhoades then left the two juveniles on the side of the road where VSP located them.

Detectives from the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations were called to the scene to conduct further investigation. Through subsequent investigation the suspect was identified as 24-year-old Brandon Rhoades from Milton VT. On Monday, November 9, 2020, detectives from the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations spoke with Mr. Rhoades at his residence and placed him under arrest without incident. Mr. Rhoades was charged with the offenses of Aggravated Sexual Assault, Unlawful Restraint in the Second Degree, and Lewd and Lascivious Conduct with a Child.

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If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual assault, there is support available. Even if the assault did not happen recently, there are resources to help you decide what is best for you, including free medical treatment, advocacy and support. You don't have to go through this alone. There is a whole community ready to support you. For more information, call the state-wide confidential hotline, 800-489-7273, or see the website for the VT Network against Sexual and Domestic Violence, www.vtnetwork.org