

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Aggravated Assault	07/13/2021 2244 Hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
21BU010742	Pearl Street & Church Street	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Officer Byrne	658-2704	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Lt Nguyen	Chief Murad	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Dujuan S. Williams	26	Burlington, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Lodged at Northwest Correctional Facility on \$5,000 bail		

## NARRATIVE:

On July 13, 2021, at approximately 2244 hours, Burlington Police Department dispatchers received reports of a disturbance in the area of Pearl Street at Church Street. A female employee of a Church Street restaurant was stuck in her parked vehicle because an unknown man on a bicycle was yelling at her and banging on her car window.

At the time of the call, all available BPD officers were assisting with a stabbing that had occurred in a tent encampment at Leddy Park at approximately 2137 hours and a second potentially associated assault in the same vicinity that was reported at 2232 hours (separate press release to come). Officers at Leddy Park were actively searching for a suspect and canvassing for evidence. Two officers were dispatched to Pearl Street and Church Street Officers at 2245 hours and arrived on scene at approximately 2250 hours, conducted an investigation, and subsequently arrested Dujuan S. Williams, 26, of Burlington VT.

Witnesses on scene advised that Mr. Williams was loitering in an area behind a local business when a female employee confronted him and asked him to leave. Mr. Williams was allegedly verbally aggressive and physically threatening toward the woman. The victim retreated to her vehicle at which point he blocked her path and prevented her from driving away. He banged on her car window, kicked her vehicle, and continued to yell at her.

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A male bystander in the area witnessed the disturbance and attempted to assist the woman. The male bystander attempted to deescalate the situation, which caused Mr. Williams to turn his attention to the male bystander. A physical altercation ensued between Mr. Williams and the male bystander, during which Mr. Williams allegedly produced a hammer and struck the male bystander on the head, causing injury.

Officers arrived and safely took Mr. Williams into custody.

Mr. Williams was arrested and charged with Aggravated Assault, 2nd Degree Unlawful Restraint, Simple Assault, and Disorderly Conduct. A judge was contacted and bail was set at \$5000. Mr. Williams was lodged at the Northwest Correctional Facility.

Mr. Williams is known to the Burlington Police Department. This incident described was the second time on July 13 that he was suspected of a crime (he was cited for disorderly conduct a few hours earlier, at 1702 hours on July 13th, 21BU010725). Since January 2021, Mr. Williams has had 30 police involvements, including multiple disturbances and assaults. Mr. Williams currently has multiple active sets of pretrial conditions of release for a variety of charges to include 1st Degree Aggravated Domestic Assault with Weapon, Assault on Law Enforcement Officer resulting in Bodily Injury, Simple Assault, Vandalism, Resisting Arrest, Disorderly Conduct, and Aggravated Cruelty to Animal. Last year, Mr. Williams assaulted persons in the Battery Park encampment and then injured two police officers after attacking a person with a nail-studded board at the Downtown Transit Center (see attached previous press release from September 9, 2020).

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Burlington Police Department at (802) 658-2704.

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