



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Aggravated Assault in City Hall Park	August 2, 2021 at 1537 hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
21BU012088	City Hall Park	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Ofc. Gonzalez	(802) 540-2393	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Sgt. Michael Henry	Lt. Lawson	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Luis Rivera	44	Burlington, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Luis Rivera was taken into custody for Aggravated Assault in accordance to Title 13 VSA 1024. Rivera was ordered to be released on court conditions by the Honorable Judge and then released with flash cite to appear in Vermont Superior Court on August 3, 2021 at 1030 hrs.		

NARRATIVE:

On August 2, 2021 at approximately 1537 hours, Burlington Police Department Dispatch Center received a 911 call of a disturbance involving a knife in City Hall Park.

Due to the threat of a weapon, multiple officers responded to the scene. Upon arrival officers secured the scene, obtained statements and collected evidence. Preliminary investigation revealed the disturbance started over the victim trying to retrieve his cell phone from his ex-girlfriend's vehicle. The victim was denied his cell phone and walked away. The victim was followed by the ex-girlfriend's boyfriend, Luis Rivera, age 44 into City Hall Park. Witness statements alleged that Rivera pulled a knife on the victim and attempted to swing at him. Rivera allegedly made statements that he was going to stab the victim and he was going to die.

Rivera was taken into custody later that night while Officers were investigating an unrelated disturbance in the Downtown area. Rivera was transported to the Burlington Police Department. Rivera was ordered to be released on court conditions by the Honorable Judge and flash citation to appear in Vermont Superior Court on August 3, 2021 at 1030 hrs.

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Rivera's criminal history includes 2 Felony charges (1 conviction), 2 Misdemeanor charges (2 conviction), and 2 Assaultive Crime charges (2 convictions).

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

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