



CUSI

Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations

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INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child Lewd or Lascivious Conduct with a Child	August 24, 2021 @ Noon	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
21CUSI000089	Williston, VT	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Detective Eric Dalla Mura	802-652-6895	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Detective Sgt. Richard Weinisch	Detective Sgt. Richard Weinisch	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Thomas Tatro	63	Williston, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Tatro was arrested on Friday, September 3, 2021 and held without bail.		

On August 24, 2021 the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations (CUSI) was referred a case from the Vermont Department of Children & Families (DCF) regarding the alleged sexual abuse of a 10 year old male juvenile in early August of 2021. The abuse was reportedly perpetrated by Thomas Tatro, 63 of Williston, VT.

Detective Dalla Mura was assigned to investigate this incident and subsequently developed probable cause to believe that Tatro committed the crimes of Aggravated Sex Assault on a Child, Lewd or Lascivious Conduct with a Child, Luring a Child, and Violating Pre-Trial conditions of release by having contact with a child under 16.

On the morning of September 3, 2021, Investigators from CUSI arrested Tatro without incident and executed a search warrant on his home in Williston, VT. Tatro was subsequently processed and transported to court for arraignment where he was held without bail.

It should also be noted that at the time that Tatro committed this offense in Williston, he was out on Conditions of Release stemming from a 2020 arrest by the Vermont State Police for sexual abuse of an 8-10 year old male juvenile in Addison County. Tatro had been arraigned on a charge of Lewd or Lascivious Conduct with a Child and released by a Judge on June 15, 2020 with Conditions of Release that included "no contact with children under the age of 16" and that Addison County case is still pending.

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Aggravated sexual assault of a child in violation of Title 13 V.S.A. § 3253a(8)- A person who commits the crime of aggravated sexual assault of a child shall be imprisoned for not less than 25 years with a maximum term of life, and, in addition, may be fined not more than \$50,000.00. The 25-year term of imprisonment required by this subsection shall be served and may not be suspended, deferred, or served as a supervised sentence. The defendant shall not be eligible for probation, parole, furlough, or any other type of early release until the expiration of the 25-year term of imprisonment.

Lewd or lascivious conduct with child in violation of Title 13 V.S.A. § 2602- A person who commits the crime of lewd or lascivious conduct with child shall be imprisoned not less than two years and not more than 15 years, and, in addition, may be fined not more than \$5,000.00, or both. Conduct constituting the offense of lewd and lascivious conduct with a child under this section shall be considered a violent act for the purpose of determining bail under Vermont statutes.

Luring a child in violation of Title 13 V.S.A. § 2828- A person who commits the crime of luring a child shall be imprisoned not more than five years or be fined not more than \$10,000, or both.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual assault or domestic 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.

Thank you,

Detective Sergeant Richard Weinisch

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