



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

|                                                                                 |                       |                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| INCIDENT TYPE:                                                                  | DATE/TIME REPORTED:   |                  |
| Violation of Conditions, Unlawful Trespass, Assault of a Protected Professional | 9/18/2021 0007 hours  |                  |
| INCIDENT NUMBER:                                                                | LOCATION:             |                  |
| 21BU015477                                                                      | 206 Main Street       |                  |
| INVESTIGATOR:                                                                   | INVESTIGATOR CONTACT: |                  |
| Ofc. Baur                                                                       | 802-658-2700          |                  |
| AUTHOR:                                                                         | APPROVED BY:          |                  |
| Sgt. Vincent Ross                                                               | Chief Murad           |                  |
| SUSPECT:                                                                        | AGE:                  | SUSPECT ADDRESS: |
| Nassor Debique                                                                  | 45                    | Burlington       |
| SUSPECT DISPOSITION:                                                            |                       |                  |
| Release on Citation                                                             |                       |                  |

**NARRATIVE:**

On 9/18/2021 at about 0007 hours officers from the Burlington Police Department were dispatched to Mr. Mike's Pizza for a report of a male trespassing. Officers located the male on Main Street and identified him as Nassor Debique, 45. It was the second call for service involving Mr. Debique that night, and the fifth night in a row that police have received complaints alleging that he has been involved in crimes or disorderly acts.

Officers determined that Mr. Debique was in violation of conditions of release from a prior arrest. Officers arrested him without incident and brought him back to the Burlington Police Department for processing. Because he had injuries from having been in a fight with a third party earlier in the night, Mr. Debique was transported to the University of Vermont Medical Center for assessment. While there he allegedly assaulted a police officer via bodily fluid. Additionally, he made statements that would continue his behavior if released and made threats that he would find and kill the person with whom he had fought.

These facts and the misdemeanor charges were relayed to the Chittenden County Superior Court judge. On the recommendation of the Chittenden County State's Attorney's Office, the Court ordered Mr. Debique to be released on a citation to appear in court in January, 2022.

*Information is preliminary and subject to change.*



POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON

At the time of his arrest, the Burlington Police Department had had nineteen involvements with Mr. Debique since September 9, 2021—averaging nearly two per day. During that period he has been arrested five times for a variety of alleged offenses including Simple Assault, Disorderly Conduct, Unlawful Trespass, and Unlawful Mischief. In each instance he was ultimately released by the court for a later appearance.

“According to Vermont law, bail is to ensure appearance, not protect the public,” said acting Chief of Police Jon Murad. “And although a provision exists whereby people who are accused of committing violent felonies and are likely to continue to harm others can be held without bail, it did not apply in this instance owing to the misdemeanor allegations against Mr. Debique. But he has nevertheless had nineteen police interactions in ten days—actually, twenty-one, because after being released last night Mr. Debique was again on Church Street today, allegedly intoxicated and harassing passerby during the 40th anniversary festivities, and was apparently involved in a two separate physical altercations. So far, those incidents have yielded no arrests owing to Mr. Debique’s and others’ refusal to cooperate. There has to be a better solution for dangerous, antisocial behavior than an endless cycle of officers responding properly, issuing tickets or citations or making arrests, only for the law to require the court system to turn the person loose to offend again.”

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

###

*Information is preliminary and subject to change.*

ANTONIO B. POMERLEAU BUILDING • ONE NORTH AVENUE • BURLINGTON, VT 05401