



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Aggravated Assault (2 counts), Unlawful Mischief, Domestic Assault, and Reckless Endangerment (2 counts)	January 25, 2022 at 1737 hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
22BU001134	North Avenue, Burlington	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
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AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Sgt. Michael Henry	Lt. Nguyen	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Jose Louis Cruz Cruz-Rivera	21	Burlington, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Mr. Cruz-Rivera was arrested and charged with Aggravated Assault (2 counts), Unlawful Mischief, Domestic Assault, and Reckless Endangerment (2 counts). Mr. Cruz-Rivera was lodged on \$2,000 bail and appeared in Chittenden County Superior Court where he was released on court conditions.		

NARRATIVE:

On January 25, 2022 at approximately 1737 hours, the Burlington Police responded to the 1200 block of North Avenue for a report of a male who had smashed out the window of a vehicle in a parking lot with a butt of a handgun.

Multiple Officers responded to the area making contact with witnesses. Preliminary investigation revealed a witness was speaking to a female next to a vehicle when a known male ran up to the vehicle and attempted to open the vehicle door. The known male was known to the witnesses as Jose Louis Cruz-Rivera, age 21. Mr. Cruz-Rivera was not able to open the vehicle door so he retrieved a handgun and used the butt of the handgun to smash the vehicle window. Mr. Cruz-Rivera then pointed the handgun at the two occupants in the vehicle. Mr. Cruz-Rivera then walked away with the female who was talking with the occupants of the vehicle. Witnesses advised Officers that Mr. Cruz-Rivera struck the female with a closed fist as they walked away together.

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Mr. Cruz-Rivera left the scene prior to Officers arrival. While Officers were interviewing witnesses on scene, Cruz-Rivera was attempting to leave in a vehicle from a parking garage. Officers observed the female that Cruz-Rivera assaulted earlier was sitting in the passenger seat of the vehicle. Officers approached Mr. Cruz-Rivera and ordered him to exit the vehicle. Mr. Cruz-Rivera was taken into custody without incident. Mr. Cruz-Rivera was searched incident to arrest and was found to have a Glock magazine on his person. Mr. Cruz-Rivera admitted to having a Glock handgun inside the vehicle, which was later located and seized by Officers.

Mr. Cruz-Rivera was lodged at Northwest Correctional Facility on \$2,000 bail. Mr. Cruz-Rivera was arraigned in Chittenden County Superior Court on January 26, 2022 on Aggravated Assault (2 counts), Unlawful Mischief, Domestic Assault, and Reckless Endangerment (2 counts). Mr. Cruz-Rivera was released on conditions at arraignment.

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

Investigation is still pending and this is preliminary information being released and is subject to change pending new information or leads.

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