



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Cruelty to a Child	April 18, 2022 at 1033 hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
22BU005441	100 Block of North Willard St	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Cpl. Cousins (#284)	(802) 540-2284	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Sgt. Michael Henry	Lt. Brownell	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Caleb Holden	28	Milton, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Caleb Holden was taken into custody for Cruelty to a Child in accordance to Title 13 VSA 1304. Holden was transported to Chittenden Superior Courthouse to be arraigned. Holden was released on conditions not to have contact with the child.		

**NARRATIVE:**

On April 18, 2022, at approximately 1033 hours, Officers responded to the block of 100 North Willard St for a report of a 4 year old child who had come into a nearby store and had been outside all night in a vehicle. The Burlington Fire Department responded with Police to evaluate the child for exposure related medical concerns. It should be noted that the low temperatures overnight from 04/18/22-04/19/22 was 33 degrees Fahrenheit with a wind chill of 24 degrees Fahrenheit.

On arrival, Officers made contact with the child who was being medically evaluated by Burlington Fire Department. Witnesses' stated the child walked into the store, crying, and asking for their dad. Witnesses' advised the child was wearing only shorts, a t-shirt, and winter boots with no socks. Witnesses' stated the child's whole body was shivering, their teeth were chattering, they were cold to the touch, their lips were blue, and that their nose, ear, and feet were red. Witnesses advised the child stated, "I'm looking for my daddy." Witnesses wrapped the child in thick clothing to help warm the them up.

Officers learned the father to the child was a Caleb Holden, age 28. Prior to Officers responding to North Willard St incident, Officers responded at approximately 0430 to an intoxicated male in the area of the 300 block of Pearl St, just .4 (tenths) miles from where the child was found.

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Holden was disorientated and trying to access a building. Holden was transported to University of Vermont Medical Center Emergency Department for exposure related medical concerns. Police learned that Holden had been discharged from the hospital however was located sleeping in a family room in the Emergency Department's waiting area. Holden was taken into custody at the Emergency Department's waiting area without incident. Holden was transported to the Burlington Police Department and later transported to the Chittenden County Superior Courthouse to be arraigned.

It is estimated the child was left unattended for a minimum of six (6) hours. The child was later reunited with other members of the family.

Caleb's criminal history revealed 4 violation of Court Orders/Conditions (0 convictions), 8 Misdemeanor charges (2 convictions), and 2 Assaultive Charges (0 convictions). It should be noted that in 2018, Caleb was charged with Cruelty to a Child under 10 years old along with Careless or Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

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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