MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE: 2nd degree attempted murder
DATE/TIME REPORTED: 08/13/2022 at 0128 hours
INCIDENT NUMBER: 22BU014759
LOCATION: 135 Main St
INVESTIGATOR: Detective Oren Byrne
INVESTIGATOR CONTACT: (802) 540-2345
AUTHOR: Lieutenant J. Trieb #251
APPROVED BY: Deputy Chief Wade Labrecque
SUSPECT: Abukar Hilowle
AGE: 19
SUSPECT ADDRESS: Burlington Vermont

NARRATIVE:

Previous press release by Acting Chief of Police, Jon Murad:

"On Saturday August 13, 2022, at approximately 0128 hours, the Burlington Police Department dispatch received calls about a shooting that took place on Main Street between Church Street and St Paul Street. Responding officers discovered two male victims, each of whom had been struck by gunfire. They were transported to UVMMC with non-life-threatening injuries.

Witnesses informed officers of the suspect’s possible direction of flight, which led towards Lawson Lane. Officers formed a perimeter on that block and, upon getting canine assistance from the Franklin County Sheriff’s department, swept the location with negative results.

Detectives and Identification Unit technicians responded and began collecting evidence and interviewing victims and witnesses.

The investigation into this crime is in the earliest stages and all information is preliminary at this time.

This is Burlington’s 20th gunfire incident in 2022."

Update:

On August 24, 2022 the Burlington Police Department’s Detective Bureau with assistance from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Vermont State Police, Winooski Police Department, Colchester Police Department, South Burlington Police Department and Milton Police Department, arrested Abukar Hilowle, 19 of Burlington, VT for his involvement in the above mentioned shooting incident. He was

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lodged at Northwest Correctional facility without bail for 2nd degree attempted murder. Additional charges are expected tomorrow at his arraignment.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Detective Oren Byrne at (802) 540-2345.