



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

|  |                                |                  |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------|
| INCIDENT TYPE:   | DATE/TIME REPORTED:            |                  |
| Arson, 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree  | January 23, 2023 at 0243 hours |                  |
| INCIDENT NUMBER:   | LOCATION:                      |                  |
| 23BU001335   | 20 Allen St, Burlington        |                  |
| INVESTIGATOR:  | INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:          |                  |
| Ofc. Johnson   | (802) 540-2143                 |                  |
| AUTHOR:  | APPROVED BY:                   |                  |
| LT. Michael Henry  | Chief Murad                    |                  |
| SUSPECT:   | AGE:                           | SUSPECT ADDRESS: |
| Robert G. Barbin   | 60                             | Burlington, VT   |
| SUSPECT DISPOSITION:   |                                |                  |
| Mr. Barbin was arrested and charged with 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree Arson. Mr. Barbin was lodged at NWCF on \$200 bail and issued a court date of 23 January 2023 at 1030 hours. |                                |                  |

**NARRATIVE:**

On 23 January 2023, at approximately 0243 hours, the Burlington Police Department's Dispatch Center received a 911 call reporting that a dumpster was on fire in the area of 20 Allen Street. The Burlington Fire Department responded and extinguished the fire, which caused thousands of dollars in damage.

Officers arrived on scene, gathered evidence and spoke to witnesses. Officer located a male in the area matching the description of suspect that was provided by a witness. This male was identified as Robert Barbin, age 60.

An officer asked Mr. Barbin "Did you set fire to the dumpster, over at the school over there?" Mr. Barbin replied "Indeed I did." Mr. Barbin was taken into custody without incident.

Mr. Barbin's criminal history revealed 2 failures to appear, 8 felony charges (no conviction), 6 misdemeanor charges (no conviction), 1 assaultive crime (no conviction), 1 assault on Officer charge, and 1 escape charge.

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