



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Attempted Murder	02/05/2023 1833 Hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
23BU002215	Riverside Ave / Salmon Run Apartments	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Detective Corporal Wrinn	658-2704	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Tovi R Mesick	40	Cambridge, VT

**NARRATIVE:**

On Sunday, February 5, 2023, at approximately 1833 hours, dispatcher at the Burlington Police Department received a call from a woman stating that a man at her location had been shot. Officers responded to a residence in the Salmon Run apartments and found the female caller, 41, and a male victim, 44 (her husband). The male victim had a bullet wound in his chest and was transported by the Burlington Fire Department to the University of Vermont Medical Center.

Victim and witness statements as well as evidence at the scene allowed officers to identify a suspect. A notice was sent to surrounding law-enforcement agencies, and within half an hour the suspect was detained in Winooski by officers with the Winooski Police Department. Burlington officers also received assistance from an Essex Police Department canine officer whose dog followed a track from the shooting scene to Winooski.

The suspect is Tovi R. Mesick, 40. Under this name and a previous name, Tovi Mesick is known for several dozen previous law-enforcement encounters, including federal involvements; many of these encounters involved firearms. Charges for this current incident are pending.

The BPD thanks the Winooski Police Department, the University of Vermont Police Department, the Essex Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their assistance.

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

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