



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

<b>INCIDENT TYPE:</b>	<b>DATE/TIME REPORTED:</b>	
Sexual Assault, Simple Assault on a Protected Professional, Simple Assault, Person Prohibited from Possessing a Firearm, Resisting Arrest	8/28/23 0017 Hours	
<b>INCIDENT NUMBER:</b>	<b>LOCATION:</b>	
23BU019425	165 Church Street, Burlington	
<b>INVESTIGATOR:</b>	<b>INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:</b>	
Officer McGee	802 540-2224	
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY:</b>	
Sgt. Vincent Ross	Chief Murad	
<b>SUSPECT:</b>	<b>AGE:</b>	<b>SUSPECT ADDRESS:</b>
Hasan Williams	26	Winooski, VT
<b>SUSPECT DISPOSITION:</b>		
Hasan Williams was held without bail.		

**UPDATE: August 29, 2023**

Hasan Williams deferred entering a plea and will have a full arraignment on August 29, 2023. Williams continues to be held without bail.

**NARRATIVE:**

On August 28, 2023, at approximately 12:17am, officers were dispatched to Einstein's Tap House, 165 Church Street, for a report of a disturbance where an employee was assaulted. The employee also reported that they recovered a firearm from one of the suspects and that they were not sure if a second suspect was armed.

One officer met with a suspect, later identified as Hasan Williams, 26, of Winooski. Due to the potential of a firearm, the officer attempted to secure a sling-style bag while he spoke with Williams about the incident. Williams refused and attempted to unzip and reach into the bag. Fearing that Williams was reaching for a firearm, the officer attempted to prevent Williams from reaching into the bag at which time a struggle ensued. During the struggle, the officer was punched in the face. Williams continued to attempt to reach into the bag but was eventually taken into custody by multiple officers on scene. Later, a loaded .22 caliber handgun was located

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protruding from the bag Williams was attempting to reach into. Williams is prohibited from possessing firearms.

Further investigation revealed that the initial assault of the bar employee occurred after Williams allegedly sexually assaulted a female inside Einstein's Tap House. Probable cause was developed through multiple witness and victim interviews and Williams was charged with Sexual Assault, Simple Assault on a Protected Professional, Simple Assault, Person Prohibited from Possessing a Firearm, and Resisting Arrest.

Williams was held without bail pending arraignment.

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

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Burlington Police Department at (802) 658-2700.

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