



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

INCIDENT TYPE:		DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Impeding a Public Officer		08/30/2023 1004 Hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:		LOCATION:	
23BU019653		200 Block of Intervale Avenue	
INVESTIGATOR:		INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Officer Cousins		(802) 540-2284	
AUTHOR:		APPROVED BY:	
Chief Murad & Sarah Hernandez Timm		Chief Murad	
SUSPECT:		AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Eric Edson		52	Burlington, VT

**UPDATE #2 | Seeking Information: August 31, 2023**

The Burlington Police Department is asking for assistance in locating Eric Edson, 52, of Burlington. The search for Edson is wanted for the robbery of a store last Thursday during which he brandished a gun, impeding and assaulting two police officers yesterday morning, and the theft of and damage to the sailboat last night, among other possible charges.

Photos of Edson are attached and can be found below. If anyone has any information of the whereabouts of Edson, please contact the Burlington Police Department at (802) 658-2704.



*Information is preliminary and subject to change.*



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The BPD would also like to thank the Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife for their assistance last night. It was thanks to their efforts that BPD personnel was able to get onto the shore to search the Rock Point area.

**UPDATE: August 31, 2023**

The search for the suspect remains ongoing. Operations in the areas of Rock Point have been suspended for the time being.

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

**NARRATIVE:**

This is a preliminary press release about an in-progress incident.

This morning, on Wednesday August 30 2023, two officers were called to a welfare check of a man passed out in a running vehicle. The vehicle matched the description of one used in a gun-involved robbery approximately a week ago. When the officers approached the man and roused him he became belligerent and uncooperative. He fled at a high rate of speed, assaulting both officers with the vehicle in the process.

This evening the unoccupied vehicle was located in the North Ave Cooperative. Officers went to seize it, and then observed the man in the vicinity. He fled again, on foot and then on a stolen bicycle. Multiple parties observed him to be in possession of a firearm. He made his way to Appletree Bay where he stole a sailboat and attempted to abscond but was intercepted by the Coast Guard. The sailboat ran aground on the base of cliffs along Rock Point, and the man abandoned the craft. He is believed to be hiding in trees on the cliff. Officers at the top of the cliff have attempted repeatedly to make contact and start negotiations. Personnel from the US Coast Guard, the Colchester Police Department Marine Unit, the UVM Police Department, and a canine officer from the Essex Police Department have all participated in this operation. The BPD thanks them for their assistance.

This is an in-progress incident and more information will be shared as it develops and becomes available.

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