



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Robbery	07/10/2024 1016 Hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
24BU015172	Church Street	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Officer LaCouture	(802) 540-2165	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Sarah Hernandez Timm	Lt. Henry	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Melody Phillips	39	Shelburne, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Melody Phillips was taken into custody.		

NARRATIVE:

On July 10, 2024, at approximately 10:16am, officers with the Burlington Police Department, while on routine foot patrol in the vicinity of the Downtown Marketplace, were flagged down by a witness of an assault and robbery.

Investigation revealed Melody Phillips, 39, of Shelburne, assaulted and robbed a 72-year-old male while he was withdrawing money at a nearby ATM in the Downtown Marketplace. Phillips grabbed the victim's hand, the victim fell to the ground, and Phillips forcibly grabbed the victim's wallet and money. Phillips then fled the scene. Officers set up a perimeter and began canvassing the area.

At approximately 12:18pm, Phillips was located in Winooski and taken into custody.

The arresting officer accompanied Phillips to court. Based on the safety concerns, the Deputy State's Attorney requested curfew. However, due to Phillips being unhoused, the judge did not set curfew but did ask if the Deputy State's Attorney would like to request bail. The Deputy State's Attorney responded not at this time. Instead, Phillips was released on conditions to not have contact with the victim and to stay off Church Street.

Information is preliminary and subject to change.



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We would like to thank the Winooski Police Department for their assistance and collaboration throughout this investigation.

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

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