



## BURLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Cocaine Base Distribution	10/15/15	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
15BU003491	St. Paul St. – BHA Facility	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Det. Cpl. D. Mellis	802-540-2297	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Det. Sgt. Justin Couture	Det. Lt. Shawn Burke	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Eric J. Newman	43	Burlington, VT
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Transported to Chittenden Superior Court – Criminal Division for arraignment		

### **NARRATIVE:**

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the Burlington Police Department Narcotics Unit executed a State of Vermont Search Warrant at the residence of Eric J. Newman, 43 YOA, of St. Paul St. in connection with an ongoing cocaine base (“crack”) distribution investigation.

Employees of the Burlington Housing Authority reported to police that they had made observations of patterns of behavior indicative of drug use and distribution centered around Newman’s apartment. The department’s Narcotics Unit began an investigation into this report, which led to the execution of the Search Warrant and Newman’s arrest this morning. During the search of Newman’s apartment Detectives located 13.6 grams of crack cocaine packaged for distribution.

Newman was transported to Court for arraignment facing charges of Sale of Cocaine (felony) and Possession of Cocaine (felony). Newman has criminal history in the state of New Hampshire that includes felony arrests resulting in misdemeanor convictions.

A person knowingly and unlawfully possessing cocaine in an amount consisting of 2.5 grams or more shall be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than \$100,000.00, or both. A person knowingly and unlawfully selling cocaine shall be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than \$100,000.00, or both.

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Officer Robert W. Provost, end of watch January 13, 1954*

The Burlington Police Department requests that anyone with information about this information contact Cpl. Dwayne Mellis at 802-540-2297. Anyone wishing to report drug activity occurring is encouraged to call the Burlington Police Department 802-658-2704 or the Burlington Police Drug Tip Line at 802-540-2420.



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