



## BURLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### PRESS RELEASE

**Incident Number:** 14BU28380  
**Incident Type:** Attempted Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
Grossly Negligent Operation  
DUI  
Eluding A Police Officer  
**Date:** October 6, 2014  
**Location:** Main Street, I-89  
**Officer:** M. Henry  
**Approved by:** Lt. J. Lawson  
  
**Operator/Suspect:** Tabitha Hines (32) of Colchester

On October 6, 2014 at approximately 6:15 pm the Burlington Police received information regarding a vehicle described as operating erratically in the downtown area. The vehicle was described as being white in color and occupied by two people including a female operator.

While searching for the car several bystanders were directing officers to the vehicle that was driving erratically. An Officer was able to locate the vehicle, with the assistance of bystanders, in the area of South Champlain Street and Maple Street. As an officer attempted to make contact with the vehicle, the vehicle abruptly accelerated toward the marked police cruiser, struck it, and immediately fled the scene.

Officers attempted to catch up to the vehicle, which was travelling erratically eastbound. While attempting to locate/catch the vehicle numerous members of the public continually gestured to officers as they passed, identifying the path of travel of the defendant's vehicle. While eluding officers, the vehicle's left front tire was damaged and deflated. Officers caught and engaged the vehicle as it attempted to turn on Main Street and then northbound onto I89. Neighboring law enforcement agencies responded to assist.

Shortly after merging onto I89, the defendant's vehicle veered and struck another Burlington Police cruiser. The vehicle exited the interstate westbound on East Allen Street in Winooski. The defendant then struck a small tree after failing to negotiate a turn off East Allen Street.

The operator, identified as Tabitha Hines (32), of Colchester, was arrested for the following: Attempted Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (Vehicular); Grossly Negligent Operation; Attempting to Elude; and DUI (Criminal Refusal)

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

The Defendant was examined by Burlington Fire and Rescue and at Fletcher Allen Health Center and was lodged on the above charges on \$25,000 bail set by Judge Samuel Hoar. A Burlington Police Officer was examined and released from the Fletcher Allen Health Center for minor injuries that occurred after their vehicle was struck by the defendant.

The Burlington Police ask anyone who may have witnessed this incident to contact Officer Michael Henry of the Burlington Police Department at 802-540-2321.

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