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MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Unlawful Restraint/Simple Assault	June 3, 2016	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
16BU015861	South Union and Bradley Street, Burlington, Vermont	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Det. Peter Chapman	802-652-6898	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Det. Sgt. Christopher Nadeau	Det. Sgt. Christopher Nadeau	
VICTIM:	AGE:	VICTIM ADDRESS:
	21	Burlington, Vermont
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
James Lee Bristol (DOB 11/21/1971)	44	Marble Avenue, Burlington, Vermont
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Lodged with bail and conditions of release set.		

NARRATIVE:

On the morning of June 3, 2016 the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations began an investigation into an attempted unlawful restraint and simple assault of a twenty one year old female. The victim reported to the Burlington Police that at approximately 2:30 am on June 3, 2016 she was walking on South Union Street. The victim reported an unknown male began following her and then came up next to her and placed his arm around her waist. The victim reported that when she told the male to leave her alone the male grabbed her and said words to the effect of "I'm not taking no for an answer, you're coming with me."

The victim reported that when she tried to get away the male struck her in the face. The victim reported she broke free and ran up Bradley Street and hid on a porch until a friend came and got her. The victim did not report the incident to the police for several hours.

The victim described the suspect as a Caucasian male, approximately 6 feet tall, medium build, short brown hair, and approximately mid-twenties in age. The victim reported the suspect was wearing a bright orange tee shirt with white lettering on the front and back and dark pants.

As a result of the ongoing investigation James Lee Bristol (DOB 11/21/71) was identified as the suspect in this incident and was arraigned today (June 10, 2016) for attempted second degree unlawful restraint and simple assault in connection with this investigation. James Lee Bristol (DOB 11/21/71) has been in custody since midday of June 3, 2016 for an unrelated bank robbery charge.



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James Bristol (DOB 11/21/71) is a registered sex offender who was recently released from the Vermont Department of Correction supervision and is considered at high risk to reoffend. A press release regarding his release had been sent to the media on May 9, 2016.

The Chittenden Unit for special Investigations is actively searching for any surveillance video that might have recorded the incident which may have started at South Union Street and Maple Street and moved to South Union and Bradley Street.

Any person's that have experienced similar encounters with the suspect or witnessed such encounters are asked to contact Detective Peter Chapman of the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations at 802-652-6898 or pchapman@bpdvt.org

The charging affidavit for this incident is on file with the Chittenden County Superior Court-Criminal Division.

§ 2406. Unlawful restraint in the second degree

(a) A person commits the crime of unlawful restraint in the second degree if the person:

(1) not being a relative of a person under the age of 18, knowingly takes, entices, or harbors that person, without the consent of the person's custodian, knowing that he or she has no right to do so; or

(2) knowingly takes or entices from lawful custody or harbors any person who is mentally incompetent, or other person entrusted by authority of law to the custody of another person or an institution, without the consent of the person or institution, knowing that he or she has no right to do so; or

(3) knowingly restrains another person.

(b) It is a defense to a prosecution under this section that the defendant acted reasonably and in good faith to protect the person from imminent physical or emotional danger.

(c) Unlawful restraint in the second degree is punishable by imprisonment for not more than five years or a fine of not more than \$25,000.00, or both.



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§ 1023. Simple assault

(a) A person is guilty of simple assault if he or she:

(1) attempts to cause or purposely, knowingly or recklessly causes bodily injury to another; or

(2) negligently causes bodily injury to another with a deadly weapon; or

(3) attempts by physical menace to put another in fear of imminent serious bodily injury.

(b) A person who is convicted of simple assault shall be imprisoned for not more than one year or fined not more than \$1,000.00, or both, unless the offense is committed in a fight or scuffle entered into by mutual consent, in which case a person convicted of simple assault shall be imprisoned not more than 60 days or fined not more than \$500.00 or both. (

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