



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**DRUNKEN MAN ASSAULTS BUSINESS OWNER**

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Simple Assault	08/19/2017 at 1:38 PM	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
17BU021448	North Winooski Avenue at Pearl Street	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Ofc. Michael Henry	(802) 540-2321	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Dep. Chief Shawn P. Burke	Chief Brandon del Pozo	
VICTIM:	AGE:	VICTIM ADDRESS:
Brett Richland		Burlington, Vermont
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Michael Reynolds	40	Transient
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Jailed - \$750 Bail – Subsequently arraigned and released on pre trial conditions		

**NARRATIVE:**

On August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 shortly after 1:30 PM the Burlington Police were called to a North Winooski Avenue restaurant for a report of an assault. Responding Officers met with the business owner, Brett Richland, who advised that a male suspect had entered his restaurant exclaiming that he was the property owner. Richland asked the suspect to leave the restaurant at which time the suspect punched Richland in the chest causing him to fall, knocking over a table and chairs prior to his landing on the floor.

Officers identified the suspect as Michael Reynolds, 40 years of age, who is transient. Reynolds displayed symptoms of intoxication and resisted the Officer's efforts to arrest him. Reynolds was arrested for Simple Assault and jailed at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Center for lack of \$750 bail. Reynolds made threats to "kill" his arresting officer and made similar threats to the correctional officers upon his arrival at jail.

Reynolds has had 894 contacts with the police since 2011. Reynolds criminal history reflects 109 arrests for misdemeanor crimes and 8 arrests for felony crimes which have resulted in 31 total criminal convictions. Of particular note, 22 of these arrests and 10 of these total convictions have been for assault related charges. At last count, Reynolds has received over 50 municipal ordinance tickets for infractions such as open container, public urination, and trespass with outstanding fines which exceed \$10,000. Reynolds has also been issued over 90 notices of trespass on behalf of property owners since 2014. Reynolds was arraigned August 20<sup>th</sup> on this most recent charge and was released on pre trail conditions.