



## BURLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Retail Theft	03/25/2015 at 1421 hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
15BU007141	62 Church Street	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Ofc. Werner #314	(802) 540-2314	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Lt. Shawn P. Burke #179	Lt. Shawn P. Burke #179	
VICTIM:	AGE:	VICTIM ADDRESS:
Whim Boutique		62 Church St.
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Mercedes Clogston	20	Burlington, Vermont
Juvenile Female	17	Burlington, Vermont
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Adult / Juvenile Citations issued respectfully for the offense of Retail Theft - Misdemeanor		

### NARRATIVE:

On 03/25/2015 Ofc. Werner investigated a retail theft which had occurred at 62 Church Street. Subsequently, media outlets aired surveillance footage of the female suspects capturing them in the act of the crime. As a result of the media coverage the suspects surrendered themselves to law enforcement on the morning of 03/26/2015.

Mercedes Clogston, 20 YOA, of Burlington and a 17 year old female were issued citations to answer to the charge of Retail Theft – Misdemeanor. The Burlington Police would like to thank the media and the public for their assistance in resolving this incident.

*Respect ~ Honor ~ Remember*

*Officer James P. McGrath, end of watch May 12, 1904; Officer J. Albert Fisher, end of watch December 15, 1947;  
Officer Robert W. Provost, end of watch January 13, 1954*