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MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Motor Vehicle Collision – Vehicle vs. Cyclist	May 21, 2014, 1525 Hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
14BU12851	Park St. and Monroe St.	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Ofc. Wu	802-658-2700	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Ofc. Wu	Sgt. Young	
Suspect Operator:	AGE:	ADDRESS:
Male	20	Burlington
Cyclist:	AGE:	ADDRESS:
Female	30	Burlington
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Operator was issued two VCVC tickets		

NARRATIVE:

On May 21, 2014 at approximately 1525 hours, Burlington Police received several 911 calls reporting a motor vehicle vs. bicyclist with injuries resulting from the collision at Park Street and Monroe Street. Officers arrived on scene and closed down the intersection diverting traffic.

Park Street is a north/south bound public highway, level and of average blacktop construction, in Burlington, Vermont. At this location is a T intersection with Monroe Street which runs east/west. This collision occurred at the Park St. crosswalk north of Monroe Street. The crosswalk is properly posted by yielding pedestrian signs and is properly painted in the roadway. Traffic at the time of collision was moderate. Weather conditions were mostly sunny and clear.

Operator and witness statements were obtained, in conjunction with video footage recorded from Simon's Mobil located at 42 Park Street. Video shows that two vehicles traveling in opposite directions on Park Street slowed to a stop to allow the bicyclist to enter the roadway to cross the road. Several moments later, a van in the middle lane approaches the crosswalk, at speed, and strikes the bicyclist, launching her into the air and off her bicycle. The van immediately comes to a final controlled resting position.

The bicyclist was transported to Fletcher Allen ER by the Burlington Fire Department and suffered

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*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*

minor lacerations and injury. She was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash.

Police investigation revealed that the operator of the motor vehicle was traveling at approximately 27-30 mph, faster than the posted speed limit, imprudent and unable to avoid hazards in the roadway including a bicyclist that entered the roadway to cross as other vehicles had stopped both ways. The operator stated that he saw the bicyclist crossing from Battery Park prior to collision.

The operator was mailed a VCVC for violating Title 23 VSA 1081(a), Unreasonable and Imprudent Speed for Conditions and Hazards – Injury and Accident resulting with a seatbelt violation. The operator stated he was wearing a seatbelt, however, investigation revealed that the operator was sitting on the seat belt as it was pulled across and latched and not retracted.

The motor vehicle was also not inspected as it still had a Blue “4” inspection sticker, which expired on 4/4/14. The operator was issued a VCVC for violating Title 23 VSA 1222, not inspected within 14 days of Registration.

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