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MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Lewd and Lascivious	05-26-2015	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
15bu013633	Battery Park Burlington	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Rene Berti	802-652-6800	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Sgt. Michael Warren	Sgt. Michael Warren	
VICTIM:	AGE:	VICTIM ADDRESS:
Female	Unknown	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
John Discola	37	Transient
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Lodged at the correctional center on lack of \$25,000 Bail		

NARRATIVE:

On May 24, 2015 Officers who were working the Marathon security detail were approached by a witness who had observed a male a "grabbing" at females buttocks in Battery Park. The witness advised police that the grabbing was intentional and appeared to be unwanted by the female. The witness took a photograph of the suspect and provided the photo to the police.

The male suspect was identified as John Discola, 37 years old, from Hadley Massachusetts. Discola is currently a transient living in the Burlington area.

Investigation revealed that there were a total of three complaints made regarding females being "groped" or "Grabbed" during the same time frame during the marathon.

On 05-26-2015 Burlington Police were alerted to another "Grabbing" in the area of the Winooski Bridge on Colchester Ave. A female alerted police that a male had grabbed her buttocks as he rode by her on his bicycle. The female victim pointed out the male to the police officer and when the officer approached, the male suspect fled on his bicycle, then on foot. The male was later apprehended and was identified as John Discola. The Chittenden Unit for Special investigations is asking anyone with information about any of these incidents to please call them at 652-6800. These incidents are still currently under investigation.

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