

south**bur**lington

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MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Aggravated Assault – Weapon	03/17/2023 at 6:26 PM	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
23SB002138	974 Shelburne Road	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Det. M. Maloney	mmaloney@southburlingtonpolice.org	
AUTHOR:	CONTACT:	
Chief Shawn P. Burke	sburke@southburlingtonpolice.org	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Theodore Bland	27	Burlington, Vermont
DISPOSITION:		
Lodged - \$10,000 bail pending arraignment on 03/20/2023		

NARRATIVE:

On 03/17/2023 at approximately 6:26 PM the South Burlington Police were called to the Simons convenient store located at 974 Shelburne Road. Eyewitnesses reported that a male was brandishing a shot gun in an attempt to abduct two women. Prior to the officer's arrival, eye witnesses reported that two vehicles had fled the area northbound on Shelburne Road with all of the involved parties.

The investigation would eventually learn that two women had been with a Chittenden County man who was propositioning them for sex. When the trio went to the Simons store to purchase liquor one of the women called the suspect, Theodore Bland (27 YOA of Burlington) asking for help.

Bland arrived in a car and pulled up to the vehicle containing the women and the male. Bland exited his car and pointed at pump style shotgun at the male while ordering the women out of the car. Bland and the two women fled the area in Bland's car, the male who was held at gun point left the area in his car. None of the involved parties called the police.

Investigators were able to locate all of the involved parties through a variety of means. Bland was arrested for aggravated assault, possession of a weapon during the commission of a felony, and possession of fentanyl. Bland was ordered held on \$10,000 bail pending arraignment on 03/20/2023 in Chittenden County Superior Court – Criminal Division.

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