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PRESS RELEASE

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Incident No. 21ES004127

On July 13, 2021 at approximately 18:30 hours, Essex Police were called to 187 Pearl Street in Essex Junction for a disturbance. Upon arrival, they found that several subjects were involved in a physical altercation as a result of a dispute over mechanical work being done on a motorcycle by a resident of that address, for another male, Brandon Williams. Involved parties stated that the dispute began when the resident advised Williams to leave the property and Williams allegedly refused to leave.

At this time, another male arrived and grabbed a phone from Williams who had been recording the interaction, throwing it to the ground, with the male resident then picking it up. Williams is then alleged to have attacked the male resident by strangling him to the point of nearly losing consciousness. The second male and the mother of the male being strangled are alleged to have joined into the fray also. Williams is alleged to have punched the second male several times during this, as well as the male putting Williams in a choke hold at one point. Police arrived at this point and broke up the fight.

Williams was transported to UVM Medical Center for treatment of a laceration to his left ear where an initial statement and photos of his injuries were taken. He was charged that night with Aggravated Assault and Simple Assault, being released with a citation to appear in Chittenden Superior Court.

On July 14, 2021, Essex Police interviewed Williams and obtained video that he had recorded the night before. In his statement, he states that, in addition to the above, the mother had bitten his left ear during the fight, causing the laceration in addition to her using a racial slur directed at him prior to the fight.

Essex Police have been, and are continuing to investigate this incident and a decision to file further charges will be made in consultation with the Chittenden County State's Attorney.

Other parties in this case have not been identified by name at this time as they have not been charged and as consistent with our public information policy. If further charges result, those defendants will be identified at that time.

Issued by: Ron Hoague, Chief of Police