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PRESS RELEASE

Date: October 5, 2021
RE: Release of Offender Yandow

Due to the community concern this release may generate, the Essex Police Department and the Essex Community Justice Center have partnered to host a virtual Community Meeting on **Friday, October 8, 2021 from 6 – 7 PM**. There will be members of Essex PD, The Essex Community Justice Center and Burlington Probation & Parole available to answer questions about his release. These agencies have been working in advance of his release to create a process for his transition into the community.

Via Microsoft Teams

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NjRhZWRhNDMtY2lwNi00MDFILWEyN2QtMTJjNTRiMjIzMjI3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22ecf8d528-f923-4497-9342-6544108d0637%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22bb04a4b4-f6df-4f8f-8096-a0f9dd013bca%22%7d

Or call in (audio only)

[+1 802-377-3784](tel:+18023773784), [499960612#](tel:+1499960612) United States, Middlebury
Phone Conference ID: 499 960 612#

Those with questions about access to this meeting before it starts, can be directed to epd.info@essex.org or by calling 802-878-1335. Essex PD will not be able to answer access questions or help people get into this once the meeting starts, but they will be recording it for anybody that misses it and will post the link on the PD website afterwards.



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SEX OFFENDER RELEASE NOTIFICATION



(Left Profile)



(Front)



(Right Profile)

Craig Yandow

51 years old

Descriptors: 5'09"/ 185 pounds

Brown hair/Brown eyes

On October 13, 2021 Mr. Yandow will be released from the custody of the Vermont Department of Corrections. Mr. Yandow served the maximum sentence so he will not be under the supervision of Burlington Probation and Parole. Mr. Yandow has served a term of incarceration related to a 1997 conviction of Aggravated Sexual Assault. The victim in this horrific attack was walking through Burlington where she was then chased, dragged from the street, sexually assaulted, and sustained serious bodily injuries resulting in hospitalization.

Officials with the Vermont Department of Corrections indicate that Mr. Yandow declined to participate in sex offender treatment and is being designated as a High Risk Sex Offender with a Moderate-High risk to commit another sexual offense. Based on his history, if he were to sexually re-offend, his victim(s) would likely be adult females. At this time, it is anticipated that Mr. Yandow will be residing in Essex, VT.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual assault, there is support available. Even if the assault did not happen recently, there are resources to help you decide what is best for you, including free medical treatment, advocacy, and support. You do not have to go through this alone. There is a whole community ready to support you. For more information, call the state-wide confidential hotline, 800-489-7273, or see the website for the VT Network against Sexual and Domestic Violence, www.vtnetwork.org.

Thank you,

Detective Sergeant Richard Weinisch