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PRESS RELEASE

Date: 07/24/2024
RE: Wanted subjects assault EPD officer
Issued By: Chief Ron Hoague
Contact: Sergeant Michael Chistolini

On Monday July 22, 2024, shortly after 1:00AM, Essex Police Officers were called to 27 Susie Wilson Rd, Susan's Place, for a report of suspicious activity. The caller stated that several subjects who did not reside there were possibly involved in drug sales in the parking lot.

When officers arrived, they contacted three subjects, two male and one female. An officer located one of the male subjects and the female subject inside the main lobby of the building and decided to detain them for the purpose of investigating further and to issue a trespass notice. When he informed them that they were being detained, the male and female began resisting the officer's physical attempts to detain them by aggressively pulling away in an attempt to escape. The female subject also assaulted the officer by kicking the officer in the legs and groin area several times. Before other officers could arrive to assist, the subjects were able to break away from the officer with the male running to the vehicle in the parking lot. The male subject got back into the vehicle, and the officer attempted to open the driver's door of the vehicle which was locked. In his attempt to flee, the driver then drove backward slightly before driving forward and pinning the officer between this vehicle and one parked next to it. Fortunately, the officer was dragged forward and fell to the front of the parked vehicle, narrowly avoiding more serious injury and suffering only minor injuries to his arms from the fall.

The female suspect was able to evade officers on foot and was not located. During this time, the other male subject also left the area as officers had not yet identified him as being involved or determined a reason to detain him.

Further investigation has led to the identification of all three subjects however they have not been located:

Subject 1 (driver of the vehicle): **Mark Edward Sutton Jr.** W/M. Age 24yo. Last address listed in Williamstown, VT. Sutton is currently wanted for violating Parole in addition to new charges of AGGRAVATED ASSAULT OF PROTECTED PROFESSIONAL, in violation of TITLE 13 V.S.A. 1028, and LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT, in violation of TITLE 23 V.S.A. 1128. Sutton has an extensive criminal history in Vermont including 13 failures to appear, 6 felony charges with no convictions, and 25 misdemeanor charges with 10 convictions (most of these being retail theft charges).

Subject 2: **Jasmine M. Brown** W/F. Age 21. Last address listed in Randolph, VT. Brown is currently wanted for failure to appear on Burglary and Cocaine Possession charges from Washington County, VT in addition to new charges of ASSAULT OF PROTECTED PROFESSIONAL, in violation of TITLE 13 V.S.A. 1028, AGGRAVATED DISORDERLY CONDUCT, in violation of TITLE 13 V.S.A. 1026a, HINDERING ARREST, in violation of TITLE 13 V.S.A. 3018, and OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, in violation of TITLE 13 V.S.A. 3015. Brown's criminal history in Vermont includes 7 failures to appear, 4 misdemeanor charges with no convictions and one assaultive charge with no convictions.

Subject 3: **William F. Stearns** W/M. Age 38. Last address listed in South Burlington. Stearns is currently wanted for Failure to Appear on a Felony Retail Theft charge from Washington County, VT and is currently on probation in Vermont. Stearns also has an extensive criminal history in Vermont to include 3 failures to appear, 7 violation of court orders with 3 convictions, 2 felony charges with no convictions, 52 misdemeanor charges with 17 convictions, and 2 assaultive charges with 1 conviction. He is not being charged with any additional crimes from this incident.

Anyone with information regarding these subjects or this incident is asked to **contact the Essex Police Department at 802-878-8331**. Although they are not considered a danger to the public, if you know where these subjects are located, please contact your local law enforcement agency immediately.

