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Narrative: On Thursday, November 7, 2024, at approximately 1856 hours, Essex Police were notified of an incident where Colchester PD was attempting to stop a stolen vehicle. The stolen vehicle subsequently fled from Colchester PD and came into Essex. Per policy, Essex Police did not engage in the pursuit, rather maintained a safe distance and provided support. The stolen vehicle continued to flee on Pearl Street and ultimately crashed into another vehicle and became disabled.

Officers quickly converged on the stolen vehicle and detained three people. The driver of the vehicle which was hit, was able to exit her vehicle without incident and was transported to the hospital with what are believed to be minor, non-life threatening injuries.

The driver of the stolen vehicle was identified as Shauna Francis, 34, currently homeless out of Burlington. Francis was taken into custody and also transported to the hospital with what were believed to be minor, non-life threatening injuries. Two males who were in the vehicle with Francis were detained, questioned and later released at the scene.

Colchester Police were assisted on scene by the Essex Police, Williston Police, Winooski Police, Essex Rescue, and Essex Junction Fire Department.

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