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### PRESS RELEASE

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Case Number: 24ES009724

Narrative: On Thursday, December 19, 2024, at approximately 1506 hours, Essex Police were notified of a stolen vehicle operating in the area of Pearl Street. Officers responded to the area but lost sight of the vehicle. A little while later, Essex Police received an update that the vehicle was located in Colchester headed back into Essex on Route 2A. A deputy with the Chittenden County Sheriff's Office located the vehicle at the intersection of Susie Wilson Bypass and Route 2A.

The operator pulled over and fled from the vehicle on foot. Officers chased the operator through woods for approximately forty-five minutes before apprehending the operator in the area of Gauthier Drive in Essex. The operator was identified as a 16-year-old juvenile male from Essex. Colchester Police ultimately took custody of the juvenile.

Essex Police were assisted by Colchester Police, Williston Police, Department of Motor Vehicles Law Enforcement, the Chittenden County Sheriff's Department, and the Vermont Game Wardens.

This incident remains under investigation as the vehicle involved had some possible criminal involvements in neighboring towns.

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