

RICHMOND POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

October 13, 2015-October 26, 2015

TRAFFIC TICKETS

Speeding: 25

No registration: 4

Possession of marijuana less than 1 ounce: 5

Registration not assigned: 1

Cell phone violation: 1

Vehicle not inspected: 4

Operating after suspension (civil): 2

False operators' license: 1

No insurance: 1

Display of registration plates: 1

TOTAL TICKETS ISSUED: 45

WRITTEN WARNINGS ISSUED: 32

INCIDENTS REPORTED

Accidents: 5

Suspicious circumstances: 4

Property watch: 3

VIN number verification: 2

I.D. fraud: 1

Motor vehicle complaints: 9

Animal problem: 2

Public speaking: 1

DLS-C: 1

Directed patrols: 1

Alarms: 2

Miscellaneous: 2

Agency assists: 6

Possession/sale of drugs: 2

Consent search: 2

Juvenile problem: 1

Mental health assists: 1

Burglary: 2

Theft: 1

Vandalism: 2

TOTAL INCIDENTS REPORTED: 50

ARRESTS

Possession of drugs (heroin): 2

Burglary: 1

Possession/sale of drugs: 2

Operating after suspension (criminal): 1

Impeding law enforcement: 1

TOTAL ARRESTS: 7

- On the afternoon of October 14, 2015 all sworn members were trained in the use of Narcan, the anti heroin drug and each member was issued one dose to carry in the cruiser in the event of other overdoses. The training was conducted by Richmond Rescue.
- October 15, 2015@ 07:47 hours, Cpl. William Bullock responded to a theft complaint at a Jones Mill home. Approximately \$300.00 was stolen and the primary suspect is the victim's homeless father who had been living in a tent near the area. The suspect, who currently has two arrest warrants out on him, has not been located. We have checked possible locations where he is known to frequent in and around the Burlington area without success.
- October 15, 2015@ 12:45 hours, Cpl. William Bullock responded to a burglary complaint on Jericho Road. The home owners noticed that someone pried open a basement door sometime in the last three days. Nothing was observed to be missing.
- October 17, 2015@ 19:22 hours, Officer Mat Nadeau conducted a motor vehicle stop on Dugway Road. Upon speaking with the operator an odor of marijuana was detected coming from the vehicle. The 20 year old male gave consent to search the vehicle and a small amount of marijuana, glass smoking pipe, rolling papers and a grinder were recovered. The operator did not show signs of impairment and was issued court diversion paperwork.
- October 18, 2015@ 08:28 hours, Officer Brett Lindemuth was requested to assist the Vermont State Police and Richmond rescue at a Huntington home with a drug overdose. The 39 year old female was attempting suicide by pills, alcohol and slashed her wrists in at least 10 locations. She was secured and transported by Richmond rescue to the UVM Medical Center emergency room.
- October 18, 2015@ 17:24 hours, Officer John Hamlin was requested by dispatch to proceed to the Bolton Access Road near Thatcher Road with a single vehicle accident as there were no Troopers nearby. The vehicle had lost control on the ice covered road and rolled upside down over the embankment trapping the occupant in the vehicle which had wedged up a small tree in a precarious spot ready to continue rolling further down the steep embankment. Bolton and Richmond fire along with Richmond Rescue responded as did Blackfork's boom truck when requested. The operator was safely extradited from the vehicle with minor injuries.
- October 19, 2015@ 04:14 hours, Officer John Hamlin was dispatched to the Lucky Spot Store for a reported burglary. During the course of the next several days information was obtained that identified the 29 year old male suspect who had made off with approximately \$1,500 in cigarettes and rolling papers. Of the nearly dozen tips received from the public almost all identified the same person. Based on all the information obtained, Officer Hamlin prepared an affidavit of probable cause to arrest the suspect and surrounding law enforcement agencies were notified. On October 21, 2015 at approximately 12:30 hours I received an additional tip also identifying the same suspect and that he maybe be at his girlfriends home located in Riverview Commons Mobile Home park. Cpl. Rick Greenough and I proceeded to the park arriving at approximately 13:10 hours. Cpl. Greenough went in the lower entrance and I went to

the higher entrance. Just a few seconds before I arrived, he radioed that he had sight of the suspect. While taking the suspect into custody his girlfriend refused to obey numerous commands from both myself and Cpl. Greenough. She was handcuffed for our safety and placed in a cruiser while he was searched and secured. Located on the suspect were numerous hypodermic syringes and a small amount of a substance that later tested positive for heroin. He was taken to the Chittenden County Regional jail charged with 1 count of burglary on Officer Hamlin's affidavit and with 1 count of possession of heroin based on a new affidavit filed by Cpl. Greenough. His girlfriend was released on a citation charged with Impeding law enforcement. A vehicle that the suspect had been using was also seized at the home and towed awaiting a search warrant request written by Cpl. Greenough.

- October 19, 2015@ 12:10 hours, Officer Brett Lindemuth and I resounded with Richmond Rescue to the Park & Ride located near exit 11 for a reported heroin overdose. A 21 year old female with a 13 month old child in the vehicle had overdosed on heroin she had just purchased in our town. Rescue personnel administered multiple doses of Narcan reviving the women who was then transported to the emergency room where additional doses of Narcan were administered. At the time of her overdose in the parking lot she was with another adult female relative. Enough probable cause was developed and Officer Lindemuth starting writing the request for search warrant for an apartment located on West Main Street. Working throughout the day and early evening a judge approved the warrant and it was executed at the home at approximately 20:15 hours with the assistance of the Vermont State Police and Officers from the Williston Police Department. Six adults and two infants were encountered at the time of the warrant. All six adults were initially detained and identified and the apartment searched. Located in the apartment or on the occupants was heroin, controlled substances and other prescription drugs, marijuana, crack pipe, an improvised bong and other paraphernalia. The 56 year old male and his 21 year old female girlfriend were taken into custody and both later lodged early the next morning at the correctional center facing charges of possession and sale of regulated drugs. The male who was out on parole for a 1st degree murder charges was also later charged with a parole violation. A 49 year old mother of the girlfriend who was found to be in possession of six small bags of heroin was also cited into court to face a charge of possession of a regulated drug, heroin. DCF was also contacted because of the child and a judge later ruled that DCF take custody of the child. Officer Lindemuth ended up working 32 hours straight because of this case and additional hours were put in by the staff who both worked on their day off or I called in early and had to stay late. Needless, I don't have to say that this was a great team effort!
- October 20, 2015@ 15:55 hours, Officer John Hamlin and I responded to a tractor trailer accident on Kenyon Road just short of Hinesburg Road. It seems the New Jersey operator who was operating a full length T.T unit decided to follow his GPS and not abide by the weight signs. Coming around the last corner he rolled the 72' rig onto its side when he went into a drainage ditch. It took two heavy duty tow trucks approximately 1.5 hours to right the rig which kept the road closed. We had called in a DMV commercial motor vehicle inspector to the scene during the investigation and she ended up writing the operator for a violation and required him to get a mandatory drug test at his/company expense within the next 8 hours. The rig had to be towed

from the scene and two members from highway had to be called in to do a temporary fix on the road so it could be opened to traffic. Highway will do a further examination on the road to determine what other, if any repairs other than a damaged warning sign and post needs to be done.

- October 23, 2015@ 21:05 hours, Officer Mat Nadeau was advised by dispatch that a vehicle was headed toward exit 11 that was driving erratically. Officer Nadeau conducted a traffic stop by exit 11 which was occupied by 4 juveniles. The 4 were headed to a concert at Higher Ground in South Burlington and all four admitted to smoking marijuana in the vehicle on their way up. A consent search was conducted and marijuana, a digital scale, plastic baggies, grinders, bong and liquor was located. All four were issued a civil ticket for possession of marijuana and released.
- October 24, 2015@ 09:20 hours, Cpl. William Bullock was called to a vandalism complaint off of Snipe Ireland Road. Cement blocks being used to build a new bridge on the VAST trail were spray painted with "oFwakTA" which the internet refers to as kill the cops. An excavator on the property had its radiator cap, oil cap and dipstick removed. Essex police had a similar case with the same graffiti painted.
- October 26, 2015@ 22:08 hours, Officer John Hamlin stopped a vehicle on Main Street for speeding, 53 mph in a 30 mph zone. A computer check revealed that the male operator was currently under criminal suspension for a DUI conviction. The operator also admitted that he did not have insurance. He was taken into custody, processed and released to his mother with a citation to appear in court on the DLS-C charge and a traffic ticket for no insurance.

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