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PRESS RELEASE

Date: January 25, 2020
Case Number: 20ES00440

Narrative:

On January 25, 2020 at approximately 12:15 am the Essex Police Department responded to an active assault in progress in the parking area for the Hannaford grocery store located on Essex Way in Essex. When police arrived, an officer witnessed a vehicle driving directly toward a pedestrian later to be identified as the victim of the original call. The same officer attempted to conduct a motor vehicle stop, but the subject fled the scene in a white Chevrolet Trax. The officer initiated a motor vehicle pursuit to which speeds reached in excess of 80 mph. When it was determined by other responding officers that there was no serious injury to the victim and the suspected operator and motor vehicle could be positively identified, the pursuit was terminated.

A be on the lookout (B.O.L.) was issued for both vehicle and operator. An additional report from the victim was called in that the same male was now seen on Pearl Street in Essex. Officers from multiple agencies were in the area attempting to locate the male and vehicle. A Colchester Officer later located the same vehicle, attempted to make contact with the operator and another pursuit was initiated without the involvement of Essex Police. The vehicle was eventually stopped on North Avenue in Burlington, Vermont where the operator was taken into custody for the offense in Essex.

The operator was identified as Paul Macleod (53) of Colchester, Vermont. Macleod was lodged at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility for lack of $10,000 bail for the offense(s) of Aggravated Assault, Gross Negligent Operation and Attempting to Elude.

The investigation is still ongoing.

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