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****PRESS RELEASE****

Date: September 23, 2020
Case Number: 20ES05330

On September 22nd at 9:00pm the Essex Police Department responded to a residence at 388 Autumn Pond Way for a noise disturbance. After being allowed into the residence, the Officers observed drugs and paraphernalia. The investigation resulted in a search warrant being executed for the residence. A total 29.6 grams of methamphetamine, 5 grams of cocaine, 16 hydromorphone pills and \$2,939 in cash were seized from the residence as a result. The offender was identified as Matthew Balas (age 35) of Essex.

Balas received a flash citation to appear at Vermont Superior Court- Criminal Division and will appear in court on December 31st to answer to the following charges:

Title 18 VSA 4231 (a)(2) Possession of Cocaine
Title 18 VSA 4234 (a)(1) Possession of depressant, stimulant or narcotic drug.
Title 18 VSA 4234a (b)(1) Possession and dispensing Methamphetamine.



Case Officer: Corporal Remillard
Issued by: Corporal Martel

