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PRESS RELEASE

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Case Number: 20ES06385

Narrative: On November 21, 2020 at about 01:10 hours, Essex Police Officers were called to 247 Pearl Street for a reported burglary. One of the residents woke up to find individuals inside her bedroom. After the victim began screaming, both fled the area. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate the suspects. The suspects took a laptop, an Apple I-Watch and the victim's wallet before fleeing. Since then, investigators of the case were able to develop information that lead them to suspect that Silas Hunt (25), Burlington and Malcolm Sovey (18), Milton were responsible for the burglary. It was learned that both suspects were acquaintances to the victim and deliberately targeted that specific residence.

Silas Hunt and Malcolm Sovey were issued citations to appear in Vermont Superior Court, Criminal Division on February 14, 2021 to answer to the following charge: Title 13 VSA 1201, Burglary into an Occupied Dwelling.

It should be noted that in Vermont, Law Enforcement does not make decisions in regards to bail, or whether an individual is lodged or released on a citation. Those determinations are made by the law, the State's Attorney's Office and the Court.

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