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### PRESS RELEASE

Date: March 16, 2024

Case Number: 24ES002058

Narrative:

On March 16, 2024, at 9:49 pm, Essex Police responded with Essex Town Fire and Richmond Rescue to Greenfield Road in the Town of Essex for a report of a vehicle that had crashed into a house.

Upon arrival, Essex officers located a black 2019 Audi SQ5 that had collided into a red 2017 Lincoln MKC that was parked in a driveway.

Initial investigation revealed the operator of the Audi was traveling at an extreme high rate of speed in excess of the properly posted 25 mph zone when the operator couldn't negotiate a slight curve in the roadway. The operator lost control of the Audi, left the roadway, travelled over a lawn and crashed into the Lincoln causing extensive damage to both vehicles and other property. There were no injuries reported as a result of the crash.

Hunter Gauthier (18) of Underhill, Vermont was identified as the operator of the Audi. Gauthier was taken into custody for suspicion of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and transported to the Essex Police Department where he was processed.

Hunter was released on a citation to appear at Vermont Superior Court-Criminal Division on April 4, 2024.

The crash is still under investigation. Anyone with information regarding the crash is asked to contact the Essex Police.

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