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PRESS RELEASE

Date: 9/27/24
Case Number: 24ES007558

Narrative:

On Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 11:54 pm, Essex Police responded to a report of a single gunshot fired in the area of Main Street and Church Street in the City of Essex Junction. Responding officers located witnesses to the incident who reported a single shot was fired into the air from a moving vehicle after a verbal altercation between the operator of the vehicle and a resident of Essex Junction.

Essex Police were able to identify all occupants of the vehicle. Subsequent investigation revealed a back seat passenger of the vehicle discharged a single round from a handgun. The involved parties were juveniles from the town of Milton, Vermont. Their ages range from 14-16 years of age.

The juvenile responsible for discharging the firearm was issued a Juvenile Citation to appear at Chittenden County Family Court to answer to the charges of Recklessly Endangering Another Person, in violation of Title 13 V.S.A. §1025, Possession of Firearms by Children in violation of Title 13 V.S.A. §4008, and Disorderly Conduct in violation of Title 13 V.S.A. §1026.

This investigation is still ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective Cpl. Williger.

This was an isolated event and there is no indication of an ongoing threat to the public.

Issued by: Detective Sergeant Dunn
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