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PRESS RELEASE

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Narrative: On Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at approximately 1823 hours, Essex Police dispatch received multiple calls regarding a male in dark clothing standing in the middle of the road on River Road in Essex. Shortly after, a female called to report her son was in the middle of the road with a BB gun. While officers were responding, calls continued to come in describing a male in dark clothing jumping out in the middle of traffic pointing a handgun at them. Officers ultimately located the male at a nearby residence and made contact.

While in possession of weapons, the male, age 39, continued to display erratic behavior and was trying to bait officers into an altercation. The male also expressed suicidal ideations. Due to safety concerns, officers backed away from the residence and called for additional support from neighboring agencies. In the interest of public safety, River Road at Sand Hill Road and North Williston Road was temporarily shut down. After hours of de-escalating and negotiating, the male ultimately surrendered.

The male agreed to be transported to UVM Medical Center for a mental health evaluation. The Essex Police would like to thank the Vermont State Police, Vermont Game Wardens, Milton Police, and Williston Police for their assistance and support.

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