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### **PRESS RELEASE**

Date: April 3, 2025  
Case Number: 25ES002346

Narrative: On Thursday, April 3, 2025, at approximately 5:45 pm, an Essex Police officer observed a red pickup truck in the distance, drive past the Town of Essex main offices at 81 Main Street in Essex Junction and accelerate quickly, causing the truck to purposely emit black smoke from the exhaust. At the time of this incident, there was a peaceful protest outside of 81 Main Street. The black smoke did cover several of the protesters, creating a nuisance. The officer attempted to locate the truck but was unable to locate it. Later in the evening, the officer located the truck and owner, who ultimately admitted to his actions. The male was issued court diversion paperwork.

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