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Case Number: 25ES002168 / 25ES002398

Narrative: On March 28th, 2025 at approximately 8:57pm, Essex Police responded to an incident on Rotunda Avenue where a homeowner had confronted an unknown male who was entering unlocked vehicles in their driveway. The offender fled on foot headed east on Edgewood Drive, leaving behind a backpack which Essex Police seized as abandoned property. Through investigation of the contents of the backpack, other victims on neighboring streets were identified and, in addition, the offender, Charles Ring (34) from Winooski, was also identified. Essex Police learned Ring had an active arrest warrant for a parole board violation.

Based on the location of the multiple larcenies, the direction Ring ran when he fled, and the proximity to the Champlain Valley Exposition (CVE), Essex Police suspected Ring might be camping on CVE grounds.

On April 5th, 2025 at approximately 9:40pm, Ring was located on CVE grounds and arrested on the parole warrant without incident. In addition, Ring was served a citation to appear in Chittenden Superior Court for the multiple counts of both Unlawful Trespass into a Motor Vehicle and Petit Larceny from a Motor Vehicle. Ring was transported to Northwest State Correctional Facility where he was held on the parole warrant.

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