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MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Cruelty to Animals	07/06/2023 at 1:00 pm	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
23SB005846	55 Timber Lane, South Burlington	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Ofc. Emily Patterson	802-846-4111	
AUTHOR:	CONTACT:	
Cpl. Sarah Keller	802-846-4111	
VICTIM:	AGE:	VICTIM ADDRESS:
Canine		
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Arthur Butterfield	24	Braintree, VT
DISPOSITION:		
Citation Issued		

NARRATIVE:

On July 6, 2023 SBPD received a report of a dog in a car that was not running with the windows barely open. Officers responded and located the long-haired dog inside the vehicle with a muzzle on while tied to the rear seat. The temperature outside at that time was approximately 91 degrees and the vehicle was parked directly in the sun.

One of the owners was determined to be Arthur Butterfield, 24 y/o of Braintree, VT. Upon making contact with Butterfield, it was found the dog had no access to water and had been in the car for a minimum of thirty minutes. Butterfield was cited at the scene for Cruelty to Animals.

A good Samaritan provided law enforcement with water to give the dog. SBPD would like to remind the public that animals should be left home as the temperature inside a vehicle can rise to fatal levels within minutes during hot weather. The best practice is to leave your animal at home or take them out of the vehicle when you reach your destination.

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Screen shot from Body Worn Camera of Investigating Officer:

