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MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Cruelty to animals	September 26, 2023/4:24 PM	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
23SB009077	1184 Shelburne Road, South Burlington, VT	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Officer Amstein	802-846-4111	
AUTHOR:	CONTACT:	
Sergeant Pope	802-846-4111	
VICTIM:	AGE:	VICTIM ADDRESS:
N/A		N/A
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Chealsi Blouin	28	N/A
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Dustin Blouin	27	N/A
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Jakob McElwain	26	N/A
DISPOSITION:		
8 animals seized – owners cited to appear in Chittenden Superior Court		

NARRATIVE:

On September 26, 2023 at 4:24 pm, South Burlington Police responded to the report of six dogs that were running loose in the parking lot of 1184 Shelburne Road in the City of South Burlington.

Officers located the owners of the dogs, and determined they had escaped from an RV that was parked in the parking lot of this address. It was quickly evident to responding officers that the living conditions within the RV were not sanitary. The inside of the RV was covered in feces and urine, and the integrity of the floor was compromised, likely due to the feces and urine. The three adults resided in the RV, along with the six dogs, a cat, and a pet rabbit.

Inside the RV the cat and pet rabbit were located. These animals were relinquished to the South Burlington Police Department by their owner, Dustin Blouin, age 27. The cat was in need of medical attention and was transported to an emergency veterinarian facility for immediate medical care.

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Four of the dogs were owned by Chealsi Blouin, age 28, and two were owned by Jake McElwain, age 26. They both declined to relinquish ownership of the dogs. The dogs were seized and were taken to a safe location pending court proceedings.

All of the animals removed from the RV of C. Blouin, D. Blouin, and McElwain have already been treated, or will receive medical attention from a veterinary office.

C. Blouin, D. Blouin, and McElwain are all due in Chittenden Superior Court on December 12, 2023 at 8:30 AM to be arraigned on the charges of cruelty to animals.

Photographs of each of the six dogs seized are attached to this media release.

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