

# southburlington

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## P O L I C E

### MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Aggravated Assault Involving a Firearm	01/22/2024 at 1051 hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
24SB000701	Commerce Drive	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Officer Foster Rich	<a href="mailto:frich@southburlingtonpolice.org">frich@southburlingtonpolice.org</a>	
AUTHOR:	CONTACT:	
Chief Shawn P. Burke	<a href="mailto:sburke@southburlingtonpolice.org">sburke@southburlingtonpolice.org</a>	
SUSPECT:	AGE	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Alioune Kounta	21	Burlington, Vermont
DISPOSITION:		
Arrested – Released on conditions; 24-hour curfew, no contact with the involved victims and business / prohibited from possessing firearms or other dangerous or deadly weapons / prohibited from engaging in violent, threatening, or tumultuous behavior		

### **NARRATIVE:**

On January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 shortly before 11:00 AM the South Burlington Police were called to a towing company located on Commerce Drive for a reported argumentative male armed with a handgun.

Officer Foster Rich responded to the scene and was able to quickly detain the male in question without incident. The investigation found that Alioune Kounta, 21 YOA of Burlington, had arrived at the towing company to recover a car he owned. Kounta reportedly met with employees of the tow company and brandished a handgun stating that if his car was not returned he was going to “pop someone”. Officers recovered a loaded Sig Saur 9mm pistol during the course of the investigation.

Kounta was arraigned in Chittenden Superior Court – Criminal Division yesterday afternoon. Kounta was released on an array of pre-trial conditions of release; 24-hour curfew at his Burlington address, no contact with the involved victims and business, prohibited from purchasing or possessing firearms or other dangerous / deadly weapons, and prohibited from engaging in violent, threatening, or tumultuous behavior.

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