

January 26, 2011

**Re: Community Message issued by the Burlington Police
Department -- PLEASE READ**

Dear Champlain Apartments Tenants:

A Community Message has been issued by the Burlington, VT Police Department.

Tuesday January 25, 2011 4:03 PM EST

Press Release from BPD 1/25/2011

PRESS RELEASE

Incident# 2010-29684, 2011-121, 2011-1719, 2011-1378

Date: January 25, 2011 Time: 3:00pm
Supervisor approval: Lt. Jennifer Morrison

NARRATIVE:

Burlington Police are investigating several incidents involving a male suspect grabbing women inappropriately while they were outside walking. In early December a female walking on South Prospect St. in the early morning was touched inappropriately on the outside of her clothing. A few minutes later, a female running on Shelburne Rd. near Home Ave. reported that a male matching the description of the suspect on South Prospect touched her inappropriately in the same manner. The suspect in the December incidents was described as a white male, between 5'8" and 5'10", thin build wearing a hooded jacket with red on it. During both incidents the suspect fled on foot after touching the females.

In January there have been three incidents during which females were touched inappropriately on the outside of their clothing by a male suspect who fled the scene on foot after the incidents. One incident occurred at night on Pearl St. and the others were in the early morning hours on Colchester Ave. and Pearl St. The suspect in the January incidents was described as a white male wearing a white winter jacket with a hood in his 20's with a thin build.

Four of the five victims were walking alone. All but one of the reported incidents occurred between 6:00am and 7:00am.

The Police urge all citizens to be aware of their surroundings while walking or running and avoid being distracted by listening to music or talking on a cell

phone, especially at night. If possible walk or run with someone and in well lighted and populated areas.

If you are approached and touched inappropriately while out walking or running scream loudly for someone to call the Police or 911 and continue making as much noise as possible. Do not delay calling the Police if you have a cell phone. Or, call as soon as possible from the nearest phone. Even if you are not injured in the incident, call the Police immediately.

For more safety tips go to the Burlington Police website at www.bpdvt.org.

Anyone with information that would help identify the suspect in these crimes please call the Burlington Police information tip line at 540-2222 or Crimestoppers at 864-6666. Burlington Police is offering a substantial cash reward for information leading to the identity and arrest of the person(s) involved in these incidents.

Media interviews available at the Burlington Police Department between 4:00 and 7:00pm today. Contact Lt. Art Cyr at 658-2700.

For full details, go to https://local.nixle.com/alert/4641250/?sub_id=122919

Thanks very much for taking the time to read this. Please pass along to your roommates and friends.

My Best,

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