

Press Release – An evening of unrelated crimes results in the arrest of four individuals on multiple charges

On August 15, 2022, at approximately 2345 hours BCPD officers responded to a burglary alarm at North End Deli Mart located at 475 N. Main Street in Barre where it was discovered the store had been burglarized and various items were stolen. At approximately 0030 hours while conducting a K9 track to locate the suspect, officers had to divert to a reported robbery at the Cumberland Farms located at 524 N. Main Street where it was reported that a female suspect is alleged to have robbed the clerk at knife point and fled with an undetermined amount of cash.

At approximately 0100 hours officers received a call of what was reported as an aggravated assault that occurred at a residence along the unit block of S. Main Street where a male individual alleged to have been stabbed. Through investigation it was revealed that 29-year-old Craig Leibold of E. Montpelier, VT had not been stabbed, and was identified as being the suspect in the burglary at North End Deli Mart where he allegedly obtained his injuries during the reported break-in. The investigation further led to the discovery of 125 bags of fentanyl/heroin, just over 1 gram of crack cocaine, and approximately \$1500 in cash within the residence which led to the arrest of two more individuals, 19-year-old Luis Hernandez of Springfield, MA and 61-year-old Lena Poro of Barre, VT.

While on scene investigating the latter, at approximately 0150 hours officers received a report of a second robbery at a second Cumberland Farms located at 132 S. Main Street in Barre where it was reported that a female suspect is alleged to have robbed that clerk at knife point and fled with an undetermined amount of cash. Shortly thereafter, 34-year-old Cassandra Keyes of Barre was located, and through investigation was determined to be suspected of committing both robberies.

Hernandez was lodged in lieu of \$25,000 cash bail and is due to appear in Washington County Superior Court on August 17, 2022 to answer the charges of Fentanyl Trafficking, Possession of Cocaine and False Information to Police.

Keyes was lodged in lieu of \$10,000 cash bail and is due to appear in Washington County Superior Court on August 17, 2022 to answer the charges of two counts of Assault and Robbery.

Probation & Parole took custody of Leibold where he was subsequently lodged on an emergency probation warrant and will also answer to the charge of Burglary. He is due to appear in Washington County Superior Court on August 17, 2022.

Poro was cited to appear in Washington County Superior Court on August 17, 2022 to answer the charges of Fentanyl Trafficking, Possession of Cocaine and Dispensing Drugs in a Dwelling.