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On November 25, 2023 the Barre City Police Department received a report of a female being admitted to the Central Vermont Medical Center Emergency Department who had sustained a non-life threatening gunshot wound in Barre City. The victim was non-cooperative with law enforcement; however, subsequent investigation revealed the female had sustained the injury at a residence located along the unit block of Spaulding Street. Investigation further revealed that the residence was also a site of drug distribution. A search warrant was obtained and was executed on December 9, 2023 by Barre City and Barre Town officers.

Officers seized a rifle, a large amount of crack cocaine, fentanyl, and other regulated drugs, as well as other evidence of drug distribution. Further evidence was located substantiating that the aforementioned shooting incident had occurred inside the residence.

38 year old Paul Giacherio of Barre and 35 year old Katelyn Pierce also of Barre, who were both under the supervision of Probation & Parole were subsequently transferred into the custody of the Department of Corrections. Another 44 year old Barre female, Megan Quinn was released on a citation. All parties are due to appear in Washington Superior Court on December 11, 2023 at 1230 hours to answer charges of fentanyl trafficking, sale of cocaine, possession of hallucinogens, and selling/dispensing from a dwelling. Additionally, Giacherio is being charged with reckless endangerment and possessing a firearm while being a prohibited person. Investigation is ongoing.