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Press Release

INCIDENT: 26BA010200

CASE OFFICER: Cpl. Jesse Fecher

DATE/TIME: 11/20/26 0944 hours

LOCATION: Route 302/N. Main Street

VIOLATION(s): Attempting to Elude, Driving while License Suspended, Excessive Speed, Gross Negligent Operation, Prohibited Person in Possession of Firearm

ACCUSED(s):

Name: Shawn Burnett DOB: 3/17/1992
Address: Chittenden County area

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT:

During the morning hours of November 20, 2026, a 2014 Dodge Ram 1500 truck was reportedly stolen on Little John Road in Barre Town. In addition to reporting the incident to the Barre Town Police Department, the owner had posted the information on a local Facebook chat page. At approximately 0944 am hours the Barre City Police Department received a call from an employee of a local business who had seen the Facebook post and reported that they believed they had just seen the stolen vehicle pass by the business. Barre City officers subsequently located the truck on Washington Street operating in a gross negligent manner by passing other vehicles. Officers attempted to stop the truck and a pursuit ensued. The truck was pursued west on N. Main Street/Route 302. The truck attempted to pass another vehicle near the intersection of Fourth Street and subsequently struck that vehicle, a 2022 Kia Nero, totaling both vehicles. The operator of the truck was then identified as Shawn Burnett. Both Burnett and the operator of the other vehicle were transported to Central Vermont Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries. The other operator was treated and released. Burnett remains in the hospital in custody. Burnett faces charges of Aggravated Operating Without Owners Consent, Attempting to Elude, Excessive Speed, Gross Negligent Operation, Driving While License Suspended and Prohibited Person in Possession of a Firearm. Barre Town Police, Berlin Police and Vermont State Police assisted in the investigation.