



FRANKLIN COUNTY
SHERIFF

PRESS RELEASE

CASE #: 23FRC005931
DATE(s)/Time(s): 10/23/23 8:00 AM
Incident Type/Charge(s): Attempting To Elude
Location of Incident: Main Street (Route 7) and Interstate Access Road, St. Albans City, VT
Accused: James R. Miller, DOB 03/16/84

All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

The Sheriff's Office does not set bail or conditions of release and is not involved in the decision to modify or dismiss cases submitted to the courts. Further, the Sheriff's Office doesn't publish names of minors or victims of domestic or sexual assault.

Summary:

On 10/23/23, at approximately 8:00 AM, members of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office responded to the area of Route 7 (Main Street) in St. Albans for a report of a possible impaired driver operating a black Toyota Tacoma truck. A motorist behind the truck reported that it was passing the Georgia Elementary School as it traveled north on Route 7. It was further reported that the truck had front end damage, a broken windshield and the rear window was missing.

While members of the Sheriff's Office responded, it was learned that a vehicle matching the aforementioned description was involved in a pursuit in Colchester that led into Milton earlier in the morning. A cautionary "be on the lookout" (BOL) was issued and noted that the vehicle owner, James Miller, was believed to have a gun on his person and in the vehicle and officers were advised to use caution.

Sheriff's Office members located the truck on as it entered into the Town of St. Albans along Route 7. Sheriff's Office members attempted to stop the truck, but kept driving into St. Albans City. A member of the St. Albans Police Department was able to deploy a tire deflation device in an attempt to get the truck stopped, however after deflating two tires, the truck kept traveling north on Main Street where it was involved in a traffic collision at the intersection of Main Street and Interstate Access Road. The accident investigation was handled by the St. Albans Police Department.

The operator was taken into custody and transported to the Northwest Medical Center for evaluation.

The operator, James Miller, was issued a citation to appear at Vermont District Court in St. Albans on November 20th at 10:00 AM to answer the charge of Attempting to Elude.

Miller was also issued a citation to appear at Chittenden District Court in Burlington on 10/24/23 at 8:30 AM on behalf of Colchester Police Department for the charges of Attempting to Elude, Gross Negligent Operation and Excessive Speed.