



FRANKLIN COUNTY **SHERIFF**

PRESS RELEASE

CASE #: 25FRC002320
DATE(s)/Time(s): 10/07/25 / 11:40 AM
Incident Type/Charge(s): Grossly Negligent Operation, Arrest on Warrant
Location of Incident: Hibbard Road, Georgia, VT
Accused: Jeffrey Chalmers, DOB 08/28/81

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Summary:

On 10/07/25 at approximately 11:40 AM, deputies with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office responded to a single vehicle motor vehicle crash on Hibbard Road in the Town of Georgia. Investigation revealed that the operator, Jeffrey Chalmers, was operating a Honda Civic north on Hibbard Road when the Civic traveled off the right shoulder of the roadway and made impact with a tree.

Chalmers was transported to the Northwest Medical Center in St. Albans and was released a short time later. Once released by the hospital, Chalmers was lodged at the Northwest State Correctional Facility on an unrelated warrant. A male passenger sustained a head injury and was transported to the Northwest Medical Center in St. Albans. A female passenger sustained serious bodily injury and was transported by Fairfax Rescue to the Northwest Medical Center in St. Albans, to the University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington, VT. Investigators learned that the female passenger sustained a broken back among other injuries.

Investigation revealed that Chalmers was on his cell phone just prior to the accident. Further, that when Chalmers ended the call, he threw his phone and accelerated beyond the posted speed limit causing the vehicle to "fishtail" causing Chalmers to lose control and ultimately crash.

Chalmers has been charged with Grossly Negligent Operation with Serious Bodily Injury. A warrant is currently being sought on Chalmers.

