



FRANKLIN COUNTY **SHERIFF**

CASE # 22FRC001506
DATE(s)/Time(s): 03/06/2022 00:02
Incident Type/Charge(s): Aggravated Assault, Criminal Threatening, Reckless Endangerment
Location of Incident: Jean Lane, St. Albans Town, VT
Accused: Luc Champoux (DOB 01/31/2000)
Ryan Ward (DOB 09/02/1984)

On March 6th at 12:02 AM, Deputies with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a residence on Jean Lane in the Town of St. Albans for a report of a male armed with a gun that was allegedly threatening the residents. Upon arrival, Deputies encountered one male, later identified as Luc Champoux in the driveway. Champoux told Deputies that he was renting an apartment over the garage and had gone down into the main residence to have dinner, drinks and play games with the homeowners in the main part of the house. At some point during the evening, there was a disagreement between Champoux and the members of the house. Champoux is alleged to have then brandished a handgun. Champoux then left the main house area and stashed the handgun in the apartment he was renting.

As Deputies were interacting with Champoux, a male, later identified as Ryan Ward, called St. Albans City Police Central Dispatch and told a dispatcher that he was going to attack Champoux with his own gun. At this point, one Deputy stayed with Champoux while another went to the house to speak with Ward. The Deputy then knocked on the door and announced himself. The Deputy could hear Ward say something to the effect that he was going to shoot Champoux. At this time Ward opened the door with a handgun in his hand and pointed in the Direction of the Deputy who immediately took defensive cover. After multiple commands for Ward to drop the gun, he complied and threw it out of the doorway towards Deputies. Ward was then taken into custody without further incident. Deputies later found that the gun Ward had was loaded with a round in the chamber.

Both Ward and Champoux were transported to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office where they were processed before being lodged at the Northwest Regional Correctional Facility.

Ward has been charged with Aggravated Assault, Reckless Endangerment and Criminal Threatening
Champoux has been charged with Aggravated Assault and Reckless Endangerment.