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PRESS RELEASE

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Case Number: 15ES03627

Narrative: On the above date and time Officers from the Essex Police Department responded to a report of protesters in the area of RT 2a and I- 289, a work site for the VT Gas Company. In all approximately 12 protesters were on scene and were trespassing on the site. The protest was peaceful. The protesters were asked to leave the site and were given an area in close proximity to site to conduct the protest. All but one of them complied. The remaining protester, identified as Johanna Anderson (28 year old), of Plainfield, VT locked herself to a large pipe located at the work site. Efforts to negotiate her release failed. Anderson was told she was under arrest and she still refused to unlock herself from the pipe. Plans to cut the pipe were implemented and while the cutting was underway, she voluntarily released her locks. She was taken into custody pending arraignment on charges of Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest, Unlawful Trespass, and Unlawful Mischief, (felony). The incident lasted approximately 4 ½ hours. Essex Police were assisted by the Essex Rescue Squad.

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