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PRESS RELEASE

Date: May 18, 2016
Case Number: 16ES02542

Narrative: On May 18, 2016 at approximately 0126 hours the Essex Police Department, along with Essex Town and Essex Junction Fire Departments responded to 86 Old Colchester Road; Unit 3 in Essex for a reported structure fire. This is a multi-unit residential condominium complex located in close proximity to the railroad tracks.

Upon arrival, Essex Police Officers located a burning pile of personal property located in the driveway of the residence. Officers were able to quickly extinguish the fire with fire extinguishers.

Investigation revealed that 39 year old Robert Noble who rents the property had intentionally set fire to a pile of his ex-fiancé's personal belongings he had positioned in close proximity to the garage. The heat from the fire caused extensive damage to the vinyl siding of the garage. Noble has two dogs that had been left inside the residence who were located unharmed. No injuries had been reported and no other neighboring properties appeared to have been damaged.

Robert was lodged at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility for Third Degree Arson in violation of Vermont Statute Title 13 VSA 504.

The Colchester Police Department has charged Robert with Stalking and the Williston Police Department has charged him with Unlawful Mischief in relation to investigations conducted on the same day. Additional charges may be forthcoming.

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