



**\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\***

**INCIDENT: 26PD000559**

**DATE: 03/25/2026 @ 2218 hours**

**LOCATION: Maplefields – Pittsford, VT**

**INVESTIGATING OFFICER(s):**

**Officer David Soulia – Pittsford Police Department**

**Officer Stephane Goulet – Pittsford Police Department**

**AGENCIES INVOLVED:**

**Pittsford Police Department**

**Rutland City Police Department**

**Rutland Town Police Department**

**Vermont State Police**

**DEFENDANT: Bryce Knapp**

**AGE: 46**

**CITY & STATE OF RESIDENCE: Brandon, VT**

**CHARGE: Arrest on Warrant**

**DEFENDANT: JUVENILE**

**AGE: 17**

**CITY & STATE OF RESIDENCE: Holyoke, MA**

**CHARGE: Fugitive from Justice**

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at approximately 2218, Officer Goulet and Officer Soulia were conducting routine patrol in the area of US Route 7 when they observed a vehicle commit a traffic violation. A traffic stop was conducted.

During the course of the traffic stop, it was learned the operator, Bryce Knapp, had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Knapp was taken into custody without incident and ultimately transported to Marble Valley Regional Correctional Center where he was lodged on his warrant.

The passenger of the vehicle ultimately fled the stop after providing a false name to Officers. A BOL was issued for the passenger.

Evidence of narcotic use was observed inside of the vehicle. The vehicle was seized pending a search warrant.



Officer Soulia observed a vehicle pull into a local residence on Corn Hill Road. Officer Soulia then observed the passenger that fled from the original stop, attempt to get into the vehicle. Officer Soulia made contact with the passenger. The passenger was ultimately identified as a Juvenile. It was learned that the Juvenile had an extraditable warrant from Massachusetts for the following charges:

- A. Assault to Murder (2x)
- B. Firearm, Carry without license
- C. Assault and Battery Attempt with Firearm (2x)
- D. Assault and Battery with dangerous weapon, serious bodily injury (2x)
- E. Firearm, discharge within 500 feet of bldg.
- F. Assault and Battery with Dangerous weapon, serious bodily injury
- G. Ammunition without FID Card
- H. Firearm without license, carry loaded

The Juvenile was taken into custody without incident and was transported to the Vermont State Police Rutland Barracks for processing.

The Juvenile was ultimately transported to Rutland Juvenile Court the following morning. Officer Soulia applied for, and was later granted a court ordered search warrant, issued by the Honorable Judge Corsones, to search the vehicle.

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Officers executed the court order search warrant on the vehicle. During the search of the vehicle, Officers seized 3 (three) firearms, with one of the firearms having a round in the chamber, approximately 65 (sixty-five) "tickets" containing presumptively Fentanyl, totaling 12.5 grams (including packaging) and several plastic baggies of suspected crack cocaine totaling 49.5 grams (including packaging).

The investigation is still on going.

The Pittsford Police Department would like to extend its gratitude to the following departments for their assistance in this investigation, Vermont State Police – Rutland Barracks, Rutland Town Police Department, Rutland City Police Department. The Officers provided a great amount of assistance and expertise in this investigation and the Pittsford Police Department appreciates the partnership between agencies.

