

# Clinton County Sheriffs' Office

## News Release

**TO: AREA NEWS**

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**SUBJECT OF RELEASE: Felony Arrest**

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**ARRESTEE: Chelsea L. Barber**

**AGE/SEX: 32/Female**

**ADDRESS: South Burlington, VT**

**CHARGES:**

**Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (D-Felony) PL 120.05(2) and PL 120.05(3)**

**Reckless Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (D-Felony) PL 120.25**

**Criminal Mischief 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (D-Felony) PL 145.10**

**Unlawful Fleeing Police Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree (A-Misd) PL 270.25**

**Criminal Possession of a Weapon 4<sup>th</sup> Degree (A-Misd) PL 265.01(2)**

**Reckless Driving (U-Misd) VTL 1212**

**Multiple VTL Violations**

**DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT: 01/12/2025 at 7:30pm**

**NARRATIVE:** On the above date and time, Clinton County Sheriff's Deputies responded to Interstate 87 in Plattsburgh to assist officers with the Plattsburgh City Police Department with a vehicle that was failing to stop after having allegedly fled the scene of a property damage accident on Cornelia Street. Sheriff's Deputies encountered the vehicle on the Interstate in the Town of Beekmantown at which time the vehicle allegedly rammed two Clinton County Sheriff's Office patrol vehicles, resulting in property damage and physical injury to a Clinton County Sheriff's Deputy. After striking the patrol vehicles, the vehicle exited the eastern side of the interstate and struck multiple trees. Deputies identified Chelsea L. Barber of South Burlington, Vermont as the alleged operator of the vehicle.

**DISPOSITION:** The injured deputy was treated at UVM CVPH Medical Center and released. A male passenger in Barber's vehicle also suffered injuries and was transported to UVM CVPH Medical Center for treatment. Barber was arrested by the Plattsburgh City Police Department and subsequently turned over to the custody of the Sheriff's Office for arrest on the above-listed

charges. She was processed at the Sheriff's Office and arraigned in Beekmantown Town Court following which she was committed to Clinton County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$2,000 bail; \$4,000/\$6,000 bond. She is set to appear in Beekmantown Town Court on a later date. Deputies and City Police were assisted at the scene by New York State Police and UVM CVPH EMS.