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PRESS RELEASE

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CITY OF BURLINGTON CASE #22-10669

On Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 8:16 AM the Burlington Police Department was dispatched to the 100 block of Madison St. for the report of a woman yelling for help. Officers arrived on scene to find a male suspect assaulting a female victim with a jacket wrapped around her head and still engaged in a physical altercation in a residential driveway. Officers intervened and stopped the assault.

The victim was transported by the City of Burlington Fire Department to the Aurora Medical Center-Burlington for serious, but non-life-threatening injuries.

The investigation revealed the suspect had approached the victim while she was in her car and began to assault her by striking and choking her. The suspect attempted to suffocate the victim and threatened to kill her several times during the assault. The victim was able to fight back in self-defense until law enforcement arrived. The victim did not know the suspect.

The suspect, identified as Richard L. Sallmann from Delevan, attempted to flee officers during the investigation and was quickly taken into custody. He is currently being held at the Racine County Jail on the following recommended charges:

- Attempted 1st Degree Intentional Homicide
- 2nd Degree Sexual Assault/Use of Force
- Strangulation
- Battery
- Disorderly Conduct
- Resisting Arrest

The City of Burlington Police Department has identified this to be an isolated incident, and no threat to the community exists. The investigation is on-going.

Chief Zmudzinski would like to thank the collaborative work of our officers, firefighters/EMTs, and dispatchers for their response. The victim is recovering and surrounded by family largely due to the efforts of our first responders following this horrific event. We would also like to extend our appreciation to the concerned citizen who contacted our Communications Center to report the incident. The call saved the victim's life.

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