DEFENDANT: Leslie E. Fuller DOB: 07/25/1985 AGE: 37 ADDRESS: 435 Dorset Street #91 South Burlington, VT 05403

ARRAIGNMENT DATE: November 29, 2022 SA CASE ID.: 22-15810 ASSIGNED (D)SA: Sarah F. George Esq. ERN: POLICE DEPT.: Burlington Police Department INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Ofcr. Theogesh Kiran VICTIM ADVOCATE: Kathyria Ferrer-Rodriguez INCIDENT NO.: 22BU017933

## STATE OF VERMONT

## SUPERIOR COURT CHITTENDEN UNIT

STATE OF VERMONT

CRIMINAL DIVISION

DOCKET NO.

v.

LESLIE E. FULLER

## INFORMATION BY STATE'S ATTORNEY

By the authority of the State of Vermont, the State's Attorney for Chittenden County, upon the oath of office charges:

## COUNT 1 OF 1

## CHARGE CODE: 13V1023A1 | CODE ID: 116 | OFFENSE CLASS: M CHARGE NAME: ASSAULT - SIMPLE

Leslie E. Fuller, in the County of Chittenden, at Burlington on or about September 18, 2022, recklessly caused bodily injury to another, to wit: by pouring coffee on Fredric Sargeant and grabbing his arm, in violation of 13 V.S.A. § 1023(a)(1).

Penalty: Imprisoned not more than 1 year or fined not more than \$1,000.00 or both.

Against the peace and dignity of the State.

DATED: October 17, 2022

Sarah 7. Deorge

State's Attorney (Deputy)

**Referral(s) if applicable:** - **X** Diversion

This information has been presented to me and I have found probable cause.

DATED:

Superior Court Judge

## BURLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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## Leslie E. Fuller (DOB 07/25/1985), Defendant

Now comes <u>Officer Theogesh Kiran</u>, affiant, being duly sworn and on oath deposes and says he has probable cause to believe that <u>Leslie E. Fuller (DOB 07/25/1985)</u> has committed the crime of <u>Simple Assault</u> in violation of Title 13 V.S.A. § 1023.

On September 18, 2022, Leslie E. Fuller (DOB 07/25/1985), knowingly and purposely caused bodily injury to Fredric A. Sargeant (DOB 07/29/1948) by grabbing him by the forearm and tussling with him in an effort to take his protest sign. Fuller also poured coffee on Sargeant while he was surrounded by counter protestors during the assault.



Bruise Mark on the Right Inner Forearm

- On September 18, 2022, at approximately 1550 hours, dispatch was notified by a Registered Nurse at University of Vermont Medical Center that a patient, Fredric Sargeant (DOB 07/29/1948), wanted to make a report that he was assaulted at the Pride Parade earlier in the day.
- 2. I obtained a sworn statement from Sargeant and from Christopher-Aaron Felker (DOB 04/05/1979), who was a witness to the incident and had video footage of the assault.

- 3. Sargeant stated that he was at the pride parade on the 18th of September, 2022. He stated that he was there to protest transsexuality along with Felker. Sargeant stated that he was at the intersection of Church Street and Bank Street, Burlington, Vermont, holding up a sign that read "BLACK FACE WOMAN FACE" crossed out and circled in red and the rear of the sign read "GAY NOT QUEER #NOTHANKYOU".
- 4. Sargeant stated that a group of PRIDE parade attendees approached his position and surrounded him with the intent to block his sign from the view of the public. Sargeant advised that his sign was stolen from him by a woman with black hair. Sargeant stated that he chased after the female and got his sign back. Sargeant also stated that while he continued to protest with his sign, he was surrounded by a group and swatted in the back of his head, poked in the back and had ageist slurs yelled at him.
- 5. Sargeant stated that a women in a grey tank top attempted to take his sign. The female was identified as, Leslie E. Fuller (DOB 07/25/1985), by Williston PD dispatcher, Ashley Lizotte (DOB 11/18/1989), after a Vermont Intelligence Center bulletin was issued to identify the female. Lizotte advised that she used to work with Fuller several years ago at Plato's closet in Williston, Vermont.



Leslie E. Fuller at the protest

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- 6. I obtained video footage from Felker that shows Fuller pouring coffee on Sargeant and trying to take the sign from him. Fuller can be seen on video approaching Sargeant, grabbing him by his right forearm, bending him forward and fighting with him in an attempt to take his sign from him. Fuller disengages from Sargeant after Felker confronts her at which point she exclaims, "So what? I'm not hurting him."
- 7. I asked Sargeant if he was aware that coffee was poured on him to which he replied, "I felt it". I asked Sargeant if Fuller successfully pulled him down to the ground to which he replied, "I went to a knee, you know in a crouch like position. I had my cane and I was able to keep from falling completely down but she was definitely tussling with me and caused these injuries."
- 8. Sargeant advised that his forearm was injured. I observed minor bruising on the inside of the right forearm. The bruising was red, yellow and purple in color. Sargeant stated that he is on blood thinner medication and that contributed to him bruising easily. It should be noted that Sargeant is a 74 year old elderly male. Sargeant advised that he was transported to University of Vermont Medical Center by his husband for treatment of his injuries.



Video Screenshot of Fuller Grabbing Sargeant's Arm

- 9. I obtained a sworn statement from Felker. Felker stated that he saw Sergeant being yanked by Fuller and chose to intervene at which point Fuller disengaged.
- 10. On October 3, 2022, at approximately 8:30 pm, I contacted Fuller through telephone and she advised that she confronted Sargeant because he had an offensive sign and he was hitting people with his stick. She confessed to pouring coffee on Sargeant. It should be noted that video evidence doesn't show Sargeant using his cane or his sign to hit people.
- Based on the above information, the sworn statements given by Sargeant and Felker and video footage evidence, I have probable cause to believe that Leslie E. Fuller (DOB 07/25/1985) committed the crime of Simple Assault against Sargeant in violation of Title 13 V.S.A § 1023.

(Affiant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 10/14/22 at Burlington Exempt as a Law Enforcement Related Employee

## State of Vermont - Superior Court – Chittenden County Criminal Division – Adult CITATION (check the adult box/see instructions below) Family Division – Juvenile CITATION (check the juvenile box/see instructions below)

To: Leslie E.		_ Date of Birth: 07/25/1985			
BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF VERMONT, you are hereby ordered to appear before a judicial officer a					
the Superior Court of Vermont (32 Cherry Street in Burlington) at the following time:					
**Date to appear** 11/21/2022	**Time to appear** 0815AM	to answer to the charge/delinquent act:			
Offense(s)/Delinquent Acts	Simple Ass	sault			
Issued on (date) 10/09/2022	Burlington	Chittenden County			
Signature of Issuing Officer	Police Officer - Burlington Police Department				
I received this Citation on:	Date Issued 1/2022	Signature of Defendant or Juvenile Explained an Axon			

- ADULT An information charging you with this offense will be presented at the time of your appearance. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR AT THE TIME AND PLACE ORDERED, A WARRANT WILL BE ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST AND YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL CHARGES AND PENALTIES. (You must appear at the Criminal Division on the second floor at 32 Cherry Street in Burlington.)
- □ JUVENILE The Court will mail you a delinquency petition before your hearing date. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR AT THE TIME AND PLACE ORDERED, AN ORDER WILL BE ISSUED FOR YOU TO BE PICKED UP AND BROUGHT TO COURT AND YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO PENALTIES. *NOTICE TO PARENT / GUARDIAN / CUSTODIAN* - A parent, guardian, or custodian must go to court with the youth (33 V.S.A. 5108). IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR AT THE TIME AND PLACE ORDERED, A WARRANT MAY BE ISSUED FOR YOUR APPEARANCE. (You must appear at the Family/Juvenile Division on the first floor at 32 Cherry Street in Burlington.)

Name of Person Signing for citation	Address & Phone Number of Parent/Guardian/Custodian	
Child is in legal custody of: [] DCF [] person signing citation [] other	Signature - Issuing Officer	Police Officer - Burlington Police Department
I received this Notice on:	Date Issued	Signature - Parent/Guardian/Custodian

### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Based on information contained in the Defendant's criminal or delinquency history, contacts history with the police department, and assessment of ongoing risk to the community and the defendant's pattern of behavior, I recommend the following (*check one*):

### Standard Prosecution - Adults 18+

- Juvenile (16-17 year old) Juvenile/Family Court For all misdemeanors excluding partner domestic violence, stalking, motor vehicle offenses, and assaults on law enforcement officers, 16 and 17 years olds are initially cited into juvenile court. If in the officer's best judgment, the case should initially be brought in adult court or referred directly to the Community Justice Center, the officer should process the case in that manner.
- □ Juvenile (16-17 year old) Adult/Criminal Court For felonies, partner domestic violence, stalking, motor vehicle offenses, and assaults on law enforcement officers, or if in the officer's best judgment the case should be referred to criminal court.
- Community Justice Center / Alternative Justice (For low level, low impact defendants who may benefit from having their case handled through a restorative justice process at the community level rather than traditional court.)
- Rapid Intervention (For offenders who may have been through the system before who are in need of substance abuse or mental health treatment, or have other unmet social service needs. If you have questions about a Rapid Intervention call 802-951-0120.)
  - Has the defendant had more than one contact with police within 30 days? YES / NO
    - Does the defendant exhibit signs/symptoms of mental illness? YES / NO
    - Does the defendant have untreated substance abuse/addiction issues? YES / NO
    - Could the defendant benefit from a referral to one or more social services? YES / NO

COPIES: White = State, Yellow = Court, Pink = Defense, Gold = Defendant

\*\*\* Juvenile Citations are NOT public records \*\*\*

Officer Recommendation Section should only be filled out on top (WHITE)/State copy.

Sarah F. George Esq. Chittenden County State's Attorney



32 Cherry Street, Suite 305 Burlington, VT 05401-Phone: 802-863-2865 Fax: 802-863-7440

# STATE OF VERMONT OFFICE OF THE CHITTENDEN COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY

Ms. Leslie E. Fuller 435 Dorset Street #91 South Burlington, VT 05403

Re: State v. Leslie E. Fuller Incident No.: 22BU017933 Docket No.: Offense(s): ASSAULT - SIMPLE DOB: 07/25/85

Dear Ms. Leslie E. Fuller,

I intend to refer you to the: XX Diversion Program

to resolve the offense(s) described above. If you accept this referral, you must sign this form and either:

1. meet with a Program representative at the courthouse TODAY; or

2. contact the Program WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE.

You may contact the Program by telephone, mail or in person. The contact information for the Program in this County is **Chittenden County/Burlington Community Justice Center**, **200 Church Street**, **Burlington VT 05401 802.865.7155**.

Successful resolution of your case through the Program is subject to: (1) your agreement to participate in the program under the terms set forth below and (2) your successful completion of the program. If you decide not to accept this referral, your case will proceed forward in court.

Date: October 17, 2022	Signature of State's Attorney	Sarah 7. Deorge	
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ACCEPTANCE OF REFERRAL

I hereby accept the offer of the State's Attorney to participate in the Program indicated above. I understand that if I choose not to participate in the Program or I am found to be ineligible for the Program, I must appear in court whenever my case is scheduled for a hearing.

My mailing address is:

[] The address set forth above is a correct **mailing address** for me.

[] The address set forth above is **NOT** a correct mailing address. My correct mailing address is:

My phone number is: Home:	Cell:	Business:		
My email address is:				

My email address is:

I agree to immediately inform the Court if my address changes. I understand that if my case is scheduled for a court hearing and I fail to attend the hearing, the court may issue an arrest warrant and require bail.

Signature of the Defendant \_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if Defendant is a minor) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### CHITTENDEN COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY'S PROPOSED CONDITIONS OF RELEASE

32 CHERRY STREET, SUITE 305, BURLINGTON, VT. 05401 (802) 863-2865 (TEL) || (802) 863-7440 (FAX)

Defendant: LESLIE FULLER Docket No. 22-CR-

- You must give the court bail as follows:
- a. 
  □ Hold without bail pursuant to 13 V.S.A. § 7553a
- b. 🗆 Hold without bail VOP
- c. 
  □ An Unsecured Appearance Bond in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- d. A Secured Appearance Bond in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, with a cash or surety deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Cash in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ or a surety bond secured in the foregoing amount by a bail bond or other collateral deemed sufficient by the Court.
- f. A Peace Bond in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_. A third party who is not a State's witness and who is approved by the court shall execute such bond and shall secure the bond with an amount ordered by the court. The surety shall guarantee your compliance with conditions #\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Bail Argument:** 

- 1.  $\boxtimes$  You must come to court when you are told to.
- 2. 🖂 You must give your attorney or the court clerk your address and phone number. If it changes, you must tell them immediately.
- 3. 🗆 You must not be charged with or have probable cause found for a new offense while this case is open.
- 4. 
   You are released into the custody of Responsible Adult upon approval by the court, after hearing.
- 5. Vou must report to \_\_\_\_\_\_ police station/barracks and check in on \_\_\_\_\_ (days) by \_\_\_\_\_ (time) AM/PM.
- 6. 🗆 You must live in \_\_\_\_\_\_ County. You cannot leave the county without the court's permission.
- 7. D You cannot drive any motor vehicle, including a car, truck, or motorcycle.
- 8. 
  You cannot drive any motor vehicle, including a car, truck, or motorcycle unless you have a valid driver's license, one that is not suspended or expired or revoked.
- 9.  $\Box$  You must submit to an alcosensor when you report to the police station/barracks.
- 10.  $\Box$  You must NOT buy, have or use regulated drugs without a prescription.
- 11. 
  Curfew: \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. 
  ☐ You must NOT buy, have or drink any alcoholic beverage.
- 13. 
  ☐ You must NOT buy, have or use any firearms or dangerous/deadly weapons.
- 14. Xou must NOT have contact with <u>FREDERIC SARGEANT</u>, which includes in person, in writing, by telephone, e-mail or through a third person regardless of whether you are in jail or released.
- 15. Vou must NOT abuse or harass in any way \_\_\_\_\_\_ regardless of whether you are in jail or released.
- 16. 
  You must come to court on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_ AM/PM.
- 17.  $\Box$  You may be arrested without a warrant if you do not abide by Condition(s) No.
  - Defendant must contact the investigating police agency within 72 hours and schedule an appointment for the taking of your DNA sample, and you shall appear for such appointment and submit your DNA sample.
  - Defendant shall report to the \_\_\_\_\_\_ within 3 business days for the taking of photographs and fingerprints.
  - Defendant shall follow all orders of the Family Division regarding contact with
  - Engage with PTS and

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NOTE: in addition to the litigation exemption, the remainder of this document contains a criminal history check and pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 2056d criminal history records and other identification records shall be released only by the Vermont Crime Information Center. In addition to potential other pertinent redactions the following may also apply: below are exempt under 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(4) (Records the disclosure of which would violate statutory/common law privilege); 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(7) (related to "medical and /or [p]ersonal documents relating to an individual"); 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(3) (Records the disclosure of which would violate professional ethics or conduct); 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(5) (A)(iii) (regarding information that "could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy");1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(7) (regarding documents containing personal medical facts relating to an individual and/or regarding personally identifying information and information which could "reveal intimate details of a person's life, including any information that might subject the person to embarrassment, harassment, disgrace, or loss of employment or friends." See Rutland Herald v. City of Rutland, 2012 VT 26, 1 39, 191 Vt. 387, 404, 48 A.3d 568, 579 (quoting Kade v. Smith, 2006 VT 44, 1 8, 180 Vt. 554, 557, 904 A.2d 1080, 1084)); 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(5) (relating to law enforcement records "dealing with the detection and investigation of crime" and or regarding records dealing with the detection and investigation of crime); 1 V.S.A.§ 317(c)(3) (Vermont Rules of Professional Conduct 3.6 and 3.8), 317(c)(4) (regarding attorney work product doctrine); and, or, and as noted above, 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(14) (Records relevant to litigation to which the public agency is a party of record).















