

Francis, Jennifer

From: Thompson, Julio
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:03 AM
To: Yang, Bor; Julia (USAVT) Torti; Pepper, James
Cc: Scott, Garry; Adams, Emily; Gray, Molly
Subject: [BIRS] UVM alert re Patriot Front stickers Aug 27

<https://www.tip411.com/alerts/73687>

Received from Garry Scott at VSP.

Julio A. Thompson
Assistant Attorney General
Director, Civil Rights Unit
802.828.5519
(by phone)

From: [Jandl, Lauren](#)
To: [Thompson, Julio](#); [Clark, Charity](#)
Subject: FW: Campus Advisory: Bias-Motivated Vandalism
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 3:21:05 PM

FYI

Begin forwarded message:

From: UVM Police <catalert@uvm.edu>
Date: August 28, 2019 at 9:22:31 AM EDT
To: UVM Police <catalert@uvm.edu>
Subject: Campus Advisory: Bias-Motivated Vandalism
Reply-To: UVM Police <catalert@uvm.edu>



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To: [Thompson, Julio](#); [George, Sarah](#); [Julia Torti](#); [Pepper, James](#)
Subject: FW: Campus Advisory: Bias-Motivated Vandalism
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:48:56 AM
Attachments: [~WRD000.jpg](#)

I am not sure UVM PD shared this.



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To: [Yang, Bor](#); [Julia \(USAVT\) Torti](#); [Pepper, James](#)
Cc: [Scott, Garry](#); [Adams, Emily](#); [Gray, Molly](#)
Subject: [BIRS] UVM alert re Patriot Front stickers Aug 27
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University of Vermont Alert

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From: Laroche, Steve <Steve.Laroche@vermont.gov>

Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 12:29 PM

To: AGO - Info <AGO.Info@vermont.gov>

Subject: Patriot Front

Good Afternoon,

The Town of Milton received a report on July 3 from a concern citizen regarding poster/stickers appears in Town parks. We wanted to make someone aware at the Attorney General's office. I have included the photos in this email. We recalled seeing information that the AG's office was tracking this type of information.

Chief Stephen Laroche
Milton Police Department

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Francis, Jennifer

From: Thompson, Julio
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 11:27 AM
To: Pepper, James; Scott, Garry; Julia (USAVT) Torti
Cc: Adams, Emily; Padula, Domenica; douglas.allen@colchesterpdvt.org; George, Sarah
Subject: BIRS Notice - Fw: Patriot Front Stickers in Colchester
Attachments: pf1.jpg; pf2.jpg

All,

See attached and text below, brought to us by Sarah George from t Chittenden SAO (per Bias Incident Reporting System-BIRS). Thanks also to Chief Allen from Colchester PD for the notice.

We will update if we receive any additional information or another complaint.

Best regards,

Julio

Julio A. Thompson
Assistant Attorney General
Director, Civil Rights Unit
Office of the Vermont Attorney General
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Montpelier, Vermont 05609
802.828.5519

From: George, Sarah <Sarah.George@vermont.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:41 AM
To: Thompson, Julio <julio.thompson@vermont.gov>
Subject: FW: Patriot Front Stickers

FYI

From: Chief Douglas Allen <douglas.allen@colchesterpdvt.org>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:39 AM
To: CCLEE <CCLEE@bpdvt.org>
Subject: Fw: Patriot Front Stickers

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Greetings to all from quarantine!

I hope everyone is well and fighting the good fight in these trying times.

I just wanted to give everyone a heads up that we had two Patriot Front stickers found on a light pole on Bayside Park here in Colchester. The woman who found them on Monday evening tore them down and then

posted to Front Porch Forum. I finally talked to her yesterday and she sent me the two attached images that she found online that were the same as the ones she destroyed. We have no suspects as of yet.

We notified the VIC. I hope this is a one time occurrence.

Best to all -

Doug

Douglas Allen, Chief of Police
Colchester Police Department
835 Blakely Road
Colchester, VT 05446
802-264-5555 Dispatch
802-264-5541 desk

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From: Chief Douglas Allen <douglas.allen@colchesterpdvt.org>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:55 AM
To: AGO - Civil Rights <AGO.CivilRights@vermont.gov>; SAS - Bias Incident Coordinator <SAS.BiasIncidentCoordinator@vermont.gov>; Perry, Ashley <Ashley.Perry@vermont.gov>
Subject: Biased incident report

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In trying to follow instructions I received from South Burlington Police Chief Shawn Burke on March 13th, I have attached an incident narrative on two stickers reportedly found on a lamp post at the entrance to Bayside Park in Colchester. I have also made the Vermont Intelligence Center aware of this incident. For those with access to Valcour, our incident number is 20CC002972.

Best -

Douglas Allen, Chief of Police

Colchester Police Department

835 Blakely Road

Colchester, VT 05446

802-264-5555 Dispatch

802-264-5541 desk

AGO-014

From: Bemis, David <David.Bemis@vermont.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2020 2:30 PM
To: AGO - Info <AGO.Info@vermont.gov>
Subject: Flyer found in Bellows Falls, VT

This was found on a bulletin board in front of the Rockingham Town Hall. On Saturday or Sunday February 22 or 23. The person who found the flyer took it down and reported it to the Bellows Falls Police Department on February 27, 2020.

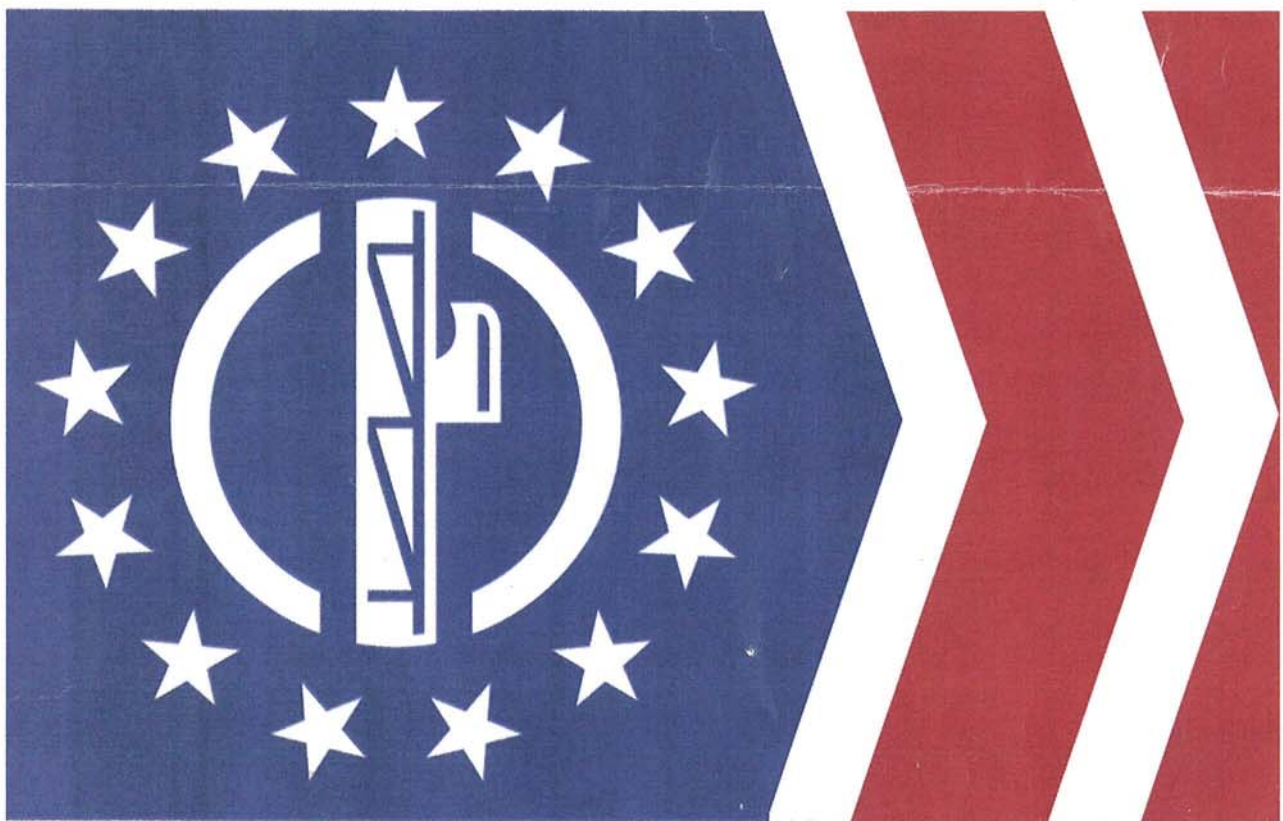
I am wondering if there have been other flyers found in VT? from looking on the internet it seems this is the symbol of a white supremacist group called the Patriot Front.

Any information on this group or similar posting would be appreciated.

David Bemis
Bellows Falls Police Department
170 Rockingham Street
Bellows Falls, VT 05101
802-463-1234

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GET OUT OF OUR TOWN



From: Muldoon, Larry <Larry.Muldoon@vermont.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 10:52 AM
To: AGO - Civil Rights <AGO.CivilRights@vermont.gov>; SAS - Bias Incident Coordinator <SAS.BiasIncidentCoordinator@vermont.gov>
Subject: Patriot Front stickers posted in Richmond

On or about June 13, 2019, "Patriot Front" stickers were placed on poles and bus shelter at the Park and Ride in Richmond near Interstate 89 exit 11.

They were found by a visitor to the park and ride, the same visitor removed most of the stickers. The police were not called. We were made aware of the incident via social media.

There are no known hate groups or other similar issues to report.

More patrols and greater visibility at the park and ride will continue.

L. J. Muldoon
Chief of Police
Richmond, VT
203 Bridge St.
Richmond VT 95477
larry.muldoon@vermont.gov

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To: AGO - Civil Rights <AGO.CivilRights@vermont.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Waterbury Dam graffiti follow up

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Hello to the Civil Rights Division in the AG's office ...

Thought I would send this message in your direction as well. I would really like to connect with whomever is paying attention to the incident at the Waterbury Dam as well as what look like many incidents involving Patriot Front activity in Vermont in recent weeks.

I just this afternoon counted 23 different episodes documented on social media since June 4.

If you could direct me to the best person in your office to discuss this, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you,
Lisa Scagliotti
editor

<https://www.waterburyroundabout.org/>

802-244-1444 landline as I'm working at home with sketchy cell service

8702-373-5878 mobile

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From: **Waterbury Roundabout** <waterburyroundabout@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Jul 6, 2020 at 12:44 PM

Subject: Waterbury Dam graffiti follow up

To: <ago.info@vermont.gov>

Hello to the folks in the AG's office -

I'm a reporter and editor with Waterbury Roundabout, the new online news site in Waterbury. I did a [story last week on the graffiti discovered on the Waterbury Dam](#) by members of the Patriot Front extremist group.

I am looking to do a follow up. Our story online was picked up by VtDigger and it has generated many comments which have led me to the group's social media accounts where there are *many* posts and photos of people actually making the graffiti in Waterbury along with images of similar actions in many locations around Vermont.

Is someone in your office following these developments? I would love to talk with whomever is paying attention to this.

Thank you!

I am working from home .. landline is 244-1444 and works best.

Mobile is 802-373-5878

Lisa Scagliotti
editor

<https://www.waterburyroundabout.org/>

Francis, Jennifer

From: Bemis, David
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 4:13 PM
To: Adams, Emily
Subject: Re: Flyer found in Bellows Falls, VT

Hello

I attempted to call a couple of times during the afternoon of 02-28-20. I will try and reach out next week, I should be free most of next week except for Tuesday March 3, 2020. My cell phone is 802-376-9832 or the office number is 802-463-1234.

Sergeant David Bemis

Bellows Falls Police Department
170 Rockingham Street
Bellows Falls, VT 05101
802-463-1234

From: Adams, Emily <Emily.Adams@vermont.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 9:20 AM
To: Bemis, David <David.Bemis@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Flyer found in Bellows Falls, VT

Dear Mr. Bemis-

Thank you for letting us know about this. Julio Thompson, the Director of our Civil Rights Unit, is out of the office until March 9. He would be the one with the most knowledge of this activity, and I will have him follow up with you upon his return. However, I am aware of public knowledge of other reports of this type of posting, particularly in Chittenden County: <https://vtdigger.org/2019/08/09/communities-wrestle-with-rise-in-white-supremacist-propaganda/>

Do you have time either this afternoon or next week to chat about the poster in Rockingham? I am available between 3 and 4:30 this afternoon, or anytime next Wednesday through Friday. Feel free to give me a buzz, or let me know the best time to reach you.

Thanks!
Emily

Emily Chamberlain Adams

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 11:49 AM
To: Thompson, Julio
Subject: Re: White Supremacist Propaganda in Burlington

Thanks, Julio. How about 4 pm?

Unrelated to this, I was in touch with Jules Torti yesterday (planning her visit here for this Sunday) and discovered the challenges of the Fed govt. shutdown – she is not reading email. I called her assistant, who did find a way to contact her because it was time-sensitive. Just fyi...

Feel free to reach out to the two people whose emails are below – [REDACTED] is the one who is a member of [REDACTED]
Thanks!

From: "Thompson, Julio" <julio.thompson@vermont.gov>

Date: Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 11:42

To: [REDACTED] "Torti, Julia (USAVT)" <Julia.Torti@usdoj.gov>

Cc: "Adams, Emily" <Emily.Adams@vermont.gov>, "Powers, Michael" <michael.powers@vermont.gov>

Subject: Re: White Supremacist Propaganda in Burlington

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 11:22 AM
To: Torti, Julia (USAVT); Thompson, Julio
Subject: FW: White Supremacist Propaganda in Burlington

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Many thanks,

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Date: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 22:57
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: White Supremacist Propaganda in Burlington

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Very Somber,

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To: [Thompson, Julio](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]; [Adams, Emily](#); [Powers, Michael](#)
Subject: Re: White Supremacist Propaganda in Burlington
Date: Thursday, January 10, 2019 12:19:29 PM

This is terrible to see. Yes, please conference me in [REDACTED] is best today, as I'm at home.

Sent from my mobile device.

> On Jan 10, 2019, at 11:43 AM, Thompson, Julio <julio.thompson@vermont.gov> wrote:

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> [REDACTED]

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> Jules, let me know if you want to conference on this initial call to [REDACTED].

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> (ccing Emily, an Assistant AG who works in our civil rights unit, and Mike Powers, one of our investigators who lives in Chittenden County.)

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> Thanks.

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Montpelier, VT 05609
Phone | 802-828-3689 802-595-3803 (AGO remote number)
E-Mail \ deborah.matthews@vermont.gov

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 1:03 PM
To: AGO - Info <AGO.Info@vermont.gov>
Subject: Two Patriot Front signs in Middlebury

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Hi

Seems to be local News.

One on the distribution box across from Noonie's, the other on the retaining wall behind the National Bank of Middlebury.

The one across from Noonie's said/says 'better dead than red, patriotfront.us' the other seemed to have only 'patriotfront.us'.

Police were called. State police dispatch answered, then forwarded to Middlebury police. Both declined to take action, Middlebury police stating it was private property (without investigating).

We took a picture.

If you follow-up or publish, I would like to remain anonymous.

<https://www.adl.org/resources/backgrounders/patriot-front>

Thanks,

[REDACTED]



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