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**PRESS RELEASE**

INCIDENT NO. 09-04989

DATE March 13, 2009

LOCATION: Downtown Burlington – various locations

INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Paul Petralia #147

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Unlawful Mischief      OIC APPROVAL DC Andi Higbee #111

BRIEF NARRATIVE: (include BOLs, suspect & vehicle)

Since January of this year, there have been numerous incidents of graffiti on retail, commercial and residential buildings in the Burlington area. There have been a number of consistent “tags,” which include “PH,” “MKU,” and “EDJE.” The Burlington Police Department believes that the community is greatly affected by these acts of vandalism and residents and business owners spend several thousands of dollars a year cleaning up graffiti.

The crime of Unlawful Mischief, Title 13 VSA 3701, is punishable by up to four years in jail and a fine not more than \$5,000, or both. Graffiti is also a violation of Burlington City Ordinance, Section 21-29, and is punishable by a fine of \$500.00

The Burlington Police Department is offering a “substantial reward” for information leading to the arrest of the individuals responsible for committing acts of vandalism using the above mentioned “tags.” Anybody with information is asked to contact Det. Paul Petralia at 802-540-2147.