



RUTLAND TOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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August 5th, 2026

Rutland Town Police Department Press Release

CASE#: 26RT001057

RANK / FULL NAME: Deputy Chief Jimmy Plakas

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DATE/TIME: August 5th, 2025 – 1326 hours

INCIDENT LOCATION: Dick's Sporting Goods, 320 US Route 7S, Rutland Town, VT 05701

VIOLATION: Retail Theft & Possession of Stolen Property

ACCUSED: Robert W. Sears

AGE: 48

CITY, STATE OF RESIDENCE: Rutland City, VT 05701

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT: On August 5th, 2026, Officers with the Rutland Town Police Department were notified of a retail theft that had just occurred at Dick's Sporting Goods in Rutland Town. Information received at that time indicated a male subject stole numerous items and departed on a bicycle.

Subsequent investigation revealed that Robert W. Sears, 48, of Rutland City, departed Dick's Sporting Goods with merchandise he did not render payment for. Sears was located a short time later by Officers with the Rutland Town Police Department and Rutland City Police Department. Some of the stolen merchandise was recovered. Sears was issued a citation to appear in Vermont Superior Court Rutland Criminal Division to answer for the above listed charges.

COURT ACTION: Yes

COURT DATE/TIME: September 21st, 2026 – 1000 hours

COURT: Vermont Superior Court Rutland Criminal Division

BAIL: N/A

LODGED: N/A