



RUTLAND TOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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September 10th, 2026

Rutland Town Police Department Press Release

CASE#: 26RT001324
RANK / FULL NAME: Deputy Chief Jimmy Plakas
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DATE/TIME: September 10th, 2026 – 1950 hours
INCIDENT LOCATION: Hannaford Supermarket, 318 US Route 7S, Rutland Town, VT 05701
VIOLATION: Retail Theft

ACCUSED: Stephen J. Taran
AGE: 48
CITY, STATE OF RESIDENCE: Poultney, VT 05764

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT: On September 10th, 2026, Officers with the Rutland Town Police Department were notified of a retail theft that had just occurred at Hannaford Supermarket in Rutland Town. Information received at that time indicated a male subject stole merchandise from the store and upon being confronted by staff cooperated in returning to the store.

Subsequent investigation revealed that Stephen J. Taran, 48, of Poultney, departed Hannaford Supermarket with merchandise he did not render payment for. Taran returned to the store with staff and the stolen merchandise was recovered. Taran was issued a citation to appear in Vermont Superior Court Rutland Criminal Division to answer for the charge of retail theft.

COURT ACTION: Yes
COURT DATE/TIME: October 19th, 2026 – 1000 hours
COURT: Vermont Superior Court Rutland Criminal Division
BAIL: N/A
LODGED: N/A