RUTLAND TOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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November 14th, 2026

Rutland Town Police Department Press Release

CASE#: 26RT001885
RANK / FULL NAME: Deputy Chief Jimmy Plakas
CONTACT#: 802-772-4327

DATE/TIME: November 14th, 2026 – 1333 hours
INCIDENT LOCATION: Blue Ridge Drive, Rutland Town, VT 05701
VIOLATION: Impeding Public Officers

ACCUSED: Cortney M. Covell
AGE: 40
CITY, STATE OF RESIDENCE: Rutland City, Vermont 05701

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT: On November 14th, 2026, Officers with the Rutland Town Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for an observed motor vehicle violation. The vehicle pulled into a driveway on Blue Ridge Drive in Rutland Town, during which Officers observed the operator get into the passenger seat and then claim they were not the operator.

Subsequent investigation revealed the operator of the vehicle to be Cortney M. Covell, 40, of Rutland City, Vermont. Covell was taken into custody and transported to the Rutland Town Police Department for processing. Covell was issued a citation to appear in Vermont Superior Court Rutland Criminal Division to answer for the above listed charge.

The Rutland Town Police Department was assisted by Howe Center Auto.



COURT ACTION: Yes
COURT DATE/TIME: December 14th, 2026 – 1000 hours
COURT: Vermont Superior Court Rutland Criminal Division
BAIL: N/A
LODGED: N/A