

VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT
Chittenden Unit
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FAMILY DIVISION
Case No. 22-JV-00985

In Re: William D Mercer	DOB: 06/21/2002
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MERITS ORDER

☐ DELINQUENCY ☒ YOUTHFUL OFFENDER

Based on the ☒ evidence presented at the merits hearing in this matter
☐ stipulation presented at the merits hearing in this matter

☒ The Court finds that the allegations made in the petition **were not established** beyond a reasonable doubt and therefore, dismisses the petition and vacates any order.

☐ The Court finds that the allegations made in the petition **were established** beyond a reasonable doubt that the juvenile/youth committed the following delinquent acts:

1 ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED WITH WEAPON

The Court's finding is based on the following findings of fact: Facts and conclusions stated on the record. Court finds self-defense was established by William and State did not prove beyond a reasonable doubt that William was the aggressor in the encounter, that his belief he was in immediate danger of unlawful bodily harm was not reasonable, and that the amount of force used was unreasonable and not necessary to avoid the danger.

The Court accepts and adopts as its findings the facts as stipulated above. Based on the stipulation of the parties and the Court's findings of fact, it is hereby ORDERED that the above-named juvenile/youth is a

- ☐ delinquent pursuant to 33 V.S.A. §5102(10) as stipulated by the parties.
☐ youthful offender pursuant to 33 V.S.A. §5102(29) as stipulated by the parties.

☐ The juvenile is adjudicated delinquent of a listed offense, within 7 days of this order the Court shall inform the superintendent or headmaster of school, pursuant to 33 V.S.A. §5118.

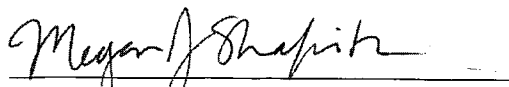
Order (if Youthful Offender case) Based Upon 33 V.S.A. §5284

☐ The juvenile is referred to a Community Justice Program

Scheduling

- ☐ DCF shall file a disposition case plan no later than 7 business days before scheduled disposition hearing.
☐ A disposition hearing will be held on:
☐ A post-disposition review will be held on:
☐ No further hearings are required at this time.

Electronically signed on December 15, 2023 at 3:22 PM pursuant to V.R.E.F. 9(d).

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Megan J. Shafritz", is written over a horizontal line.

Megan J. Shafritz
Superior Court Judge

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