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Burlington Man Charged in Connection with Grisly Murder

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Burlington, Vermont - March 22, 2005

Burlington police say they have charged a Burlington man with murdering and sexually assaulting Laura Winterbottom almost two weeks ago.

33-year-old Gerald Montgomery was arrested last night, after DNA evidence found at the crime scene matched that of Montgomery's. His DNA profile is on file with the state, because he is a convicted sex offender.

In court Tuesday, he pleaded innocent to charges of first degree murder and sexual assault. Police say Winterbottom was bludgeoned to death, possibly with a two-by-four piece of wood found near her car.

Montgomery is being held without bail.

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