



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE, 6/17/2021

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Aggravated Assault	06/05/2021 0245 Hours	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
20BU008015	City Hall Park	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Detective Corporal Stoughton	(802) 540-2288	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Chief Murad	Chief Murad	
SUSPECT:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Tariq Vialet	24	Essex Junction

NARRATIVE:

THIS IS AN UPDATE REGARDING AN INCIDENT FROM SATURDAY JUNE 5, 2021.

On Saturday, June 5, 2021, at approximately 0245 hours, there was a shooting in City Hall Park. After bar closing, two men became engaged in an altercation in the vicinity of Church Street and Main Street. The altercation continued at the southeast entrance to City Hall Park, where one man produced a firearm and discharged the firearm at the second man. An uninvolved, innocent bystander in the vicinity of Church Street and Main Street was struck by the round.

After sharing the suspect's photo via our local media partners, detectives with the Burlington Police Department received tips and leads from the public. They identified the suspect, interviewed his associates and family members, collected evidence, and obtained an arrest warrant for Tariq Vialet, 24, of Essex Junction, VT, and Brooklyn, NY. Today, on Thursday June 17, 2021, Mr. Vialet appeared in court with an attorney and was held without bail to answer charges of 2nd Degree Attempted Homicide, Aggravated Assault, and Reckless Endangerment. Mr. Vialet has no criminal convictions in Vermont. He has pending charges in New York from March 2021 for alleged criminal possession of a loaded firearm on school grounds in the Bronx.

“This is proof that Burlington can come together when it counts for public safety,” said acting Chief of Police Jon Murad. “A world-class detective team worked with our Queen City neighbors, including witnesses and local businesses, to identify a suspect. That team then worked with US marshals to apply the pressure that led to Mr. Vialet appearing in court.”

Anyone with additional information about this incident is asked to contact the Burlington Police Department at (802) 540-2288.

Information is preliminary and subject to change.

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