



**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

MEDIA RELEASE

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| INCIDENT TYPE: | DATE/TIME REPORTED: | |
| Attempted Murder | 12/31/2021 2317 Hours | |
| INCIDENT NUMBER: | LOCATION: | |
| 21BU021576 | St Louis Street | |
| INVESTIGATOR: | INVESTIGATOR CONTACT: | |
| Detective Corporal Moyer | 658-2704 | |
| SUSPECT: | AGE: | SUSPECT ADDRESS: |
| Bonide Wilondja Badibanga | 20 | Burlington |
| SUSPECT DISPOSITION: | | |
| Active arrest warrant for Attempted Murder | | |

NARRATIVE:

Just before midnight on Friday, December 31, 2021, Burlington Police Department dispatchers received calls indicating that a man had discharged a firearm inside a residence on St Louis Street, and injured a family member before fleeing. Officers responded and quickly identified the suspect as Bonide Wilondja Badibanga, 20, a person with whom BPD is familiar for a variety of police contacts and criminal charges over several years. Mr. Badibanga was not on scene when officers arrived, and he is currently being sought by police on charges of attempted murder.

Police determined that multiple rounds had been discharged inside the residence, and that one person inside was struck. The injury was not life-threatening and the person was treated on scene. On-call detectives were ordered-in to collect evidence and conduct interviews. A contingent of officers was held over past their shift to canvas locations associated with the suspect. Mr. Badibanga remains unapprehended, however.

This incident was nearly the last incident of 2021 (only three low-level Priority 3 incidents occurred after this and before midnight). Overall incident volume in 2021 was down significantly over the past several years; there were more Priority 1 incidents than in any year since 2016, however.

This incident is the 14th gunfire incident of 2021. From 2012 to 2019, Burlington experienced an average of two gunfire incidents per year; in 2020 there were a dozen; in 2021 there were 14. A gunfire incident occurs when police have probable cause to believe a firearm was discharged and

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reasonable suspicion that it was discharged in a criminal manner. Not all gunfire incidents are shootings, in which the gunfire strikes a person, but all gunfire incidents are dangerous crimes in our densely populated city.

“We ended 2021 with our 14th gunfire incident,” said acting Chief of Police Jon Murad. “As far as we know from past tracking, this is an awful new record for a city that usually sees two such incidents per year. I was working the New Year’s Eve shift and responded to this incident myself, and I am immensely proud of the work done by the patrol officers who secured and processed the initial scene, as well as the detectives personnel who were called in from their personal New Years Eves to collect evidence and interview victims and witnesses, and the dispatchers who managed calls on a very busy night. Less than an hour after this attempted murder we began 2022 with a domestic disturbance, a DUI, and an assault. In all, there were more than a dozen incidents between midnight and when the New Year’s Day day shift began. Burlington’s team handled it all.”



Bonide Wilondja “Will” Badibanga, 20

The BPD is actively seeking Bonide Wilondja Badibanga. Mr. Badibanga has a lengthy history with the BPD and surrounding law-enforcement agencies, including assaultive crimes and weapons-related charges, and extending back to alleged juvenile crimes, as well. In 2021, Mr. Badibanga had 24 police contacts resulting in five arrests, including charges for stolen vehicle, burglary, and violation of conditions of release. In 2020, Mr. Badibanga had 47 police contacts resulting in 11 arrests.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Detective Moyer at (802) 658-2704.

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