



**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Unlawful Trespass/Simple Assault/Attempted Burglary	01-10-2021 / 17:40	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
2021BU000389	Resident of New North End Burlington, VT	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Officer Tyler Short	802-540-2142	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Lieutenant Jason Lawson	Chief Murad	
SUSPECT 1:	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Mbayayenge Mafuta	19	Undomiciled
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
ARRESTED & LODGED ON MULTIPLE CHARGES		

**NARRATIVE:**

At approximately 1740 hours on Sunday, January 10, 2021, the Burlington Police Department responded to a single-family residence in the New North End of Burlington after a resident called to report an unknown man was banging on the door to their residence demanding entry. Two young children were in the residence at the time. As officers responded, a second caller reported to BPD's Emergency Communications Specialists that the subject was armed with a weapon and had broken into their garage.

Police on patrol made expeditious response and a suspect, identified by the caller, was located on scene and taken into custody. Preliminary investigation determined that the male suspect allegedly demanded entry through threats, and, when denied, broke the front door and a nearby window. The male then allegedly entered a separate structure without permission and, while inside, damaged more property belonging to the resident.

The male suspect, Mbayayenge Mafuta, 19, was taken into custody, processed, and lodged at the Northwest Correctional Facility in St. Albans, Vermont on \$7,500 bail. Mafuta was charged with the following:

- Attempted Burglary; Title 13 VSA 1201
- Simple Assault; Title 13 VSA 1023

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- Unlawful Trespass; Title 13 VSA 3705
- Unlawful Mischief; Title 13 VSA 3701

This was the second incident involving Mr. Mafuta in Burlington in the past four days. He was arrested and lodged on January 7, 2021, on the charges of Unlawful Mischief, Resisting Arrest, and Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer after punching one officer in her head and attempting to strangle another.

Anyone who may have information related to this incident is encouraged to contact Officer Tyler Short. He can be contacted at the Burlington Police Department at (802) 540-2142.

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