



# PRINCE WILLIAM

Police Department

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# POLICE BRIEFING

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## County Snapshot & Crime Data Summary

# 2021 YEAR-END SNAPSHOT: PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

	2020	2021
COUNTY POPULATION	482,204	490,250
TOTAL CRIME	14,643	15,507
CRIME RATE*	30.4	31.6
TOTAL CRIMINAL ARRESTS	8,425	7,573
ADULT ARRESTS	7,564	7,100
JUVENILE ARRESTS	861	473
TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS	23,490	18,741
TOTAL REPORTABLE CRASHES^	3,431	4,386
TOTAL CRASH FATALITIES	17	28
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE (CFS)	163,354	160,217
CFS RESULTING IN A REPORT	15,725	18,810

\*Based on total reported Group A Offenses per 1,000 residents based on County population.

^Reportable crashes as outlined under the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles reporting guidelines.



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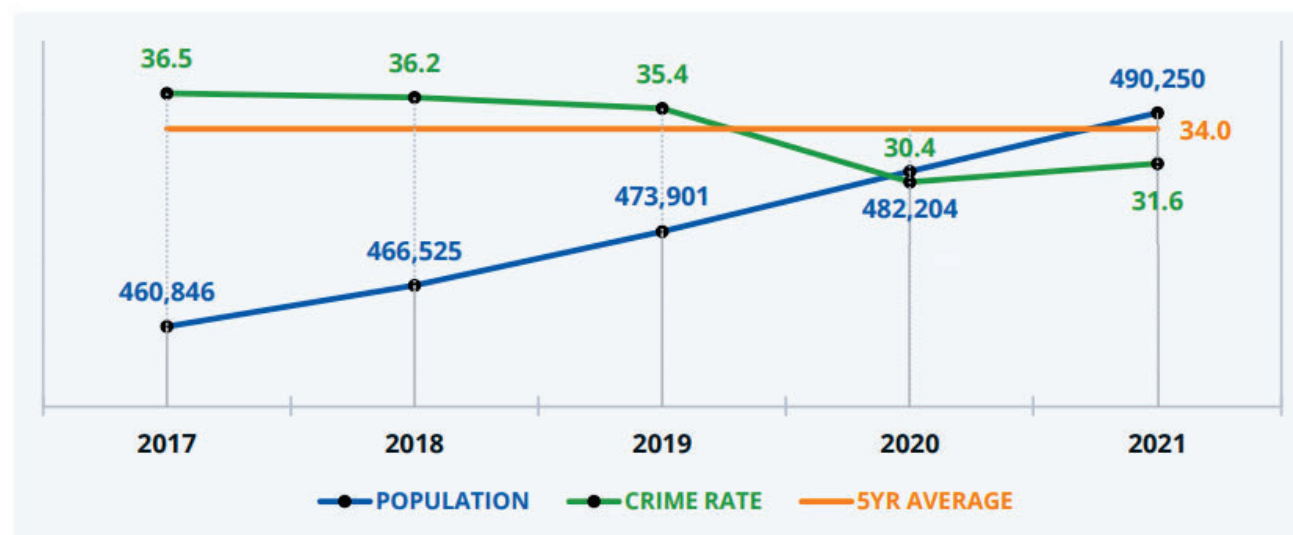


# 2021 YEAR-END CRIME DATA SUMMARY

	2020	5YR AVG.	2021	(+/-)%
CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS	4,000	4,294	4,472	▲ 4.1%
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	8,594	8,689	9,482	▲ 9.1%
CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY	2,049	3,142	1,553	▼ 50.6%
TOTAL	14,643	16,125	15,507	▼ 3.8%

%Change based on current year comparison to 5YR average.

## CRIME RATE COMPARED TO COUNTY POPULATION\*



\*County population estimates based on 2020 Census data provided on the [Prince William County website](https://www.princewilliamva.gov/).

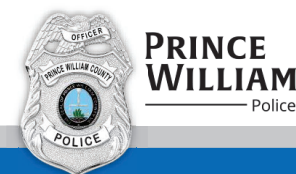


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# 2022 CRIME STATISTICS: YEAR-TO-DATE

Select Group "A" Offenses	2021 YTD	2022 YTD	% Change
Murder / Nonnegligent Manslaughter	4	6	50%
Forcible Rape	36	18	- 50%
Aggravated Assault	261	366	40%
Robbery	51	68	33%
Burglary / Breaking & Entering	171	151	- 12%
Motor Vehicle Theft	187	206	10%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	503	651	29%
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories	250	224	- 10%

\*Snapshot of data for listed categories as of 5/30/2022 6:00 AM. This report should be considered 'Preliminary' in nature and is subject to change.  
All Offense counts are counted using the FBI Units of Counts for Crime based on 'Occurred On' date.





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## Update on Significant Incidents in May

## SHOOTING AT BENTON M.S.



**Sunday, May 1, 2022 ~ 10:23 a.m.** – Shooting occurred on the outdoor fields of Benton Middle School at 7411 Hoadly Road during a community event (not associated with the school). Three subjects reportedly got into a verbal altercation when the suspect produced a handgun and shot the other two individuals, striking one in the leg and the other in the abdomen.

### CLOSED BY ARREST

Adult Male

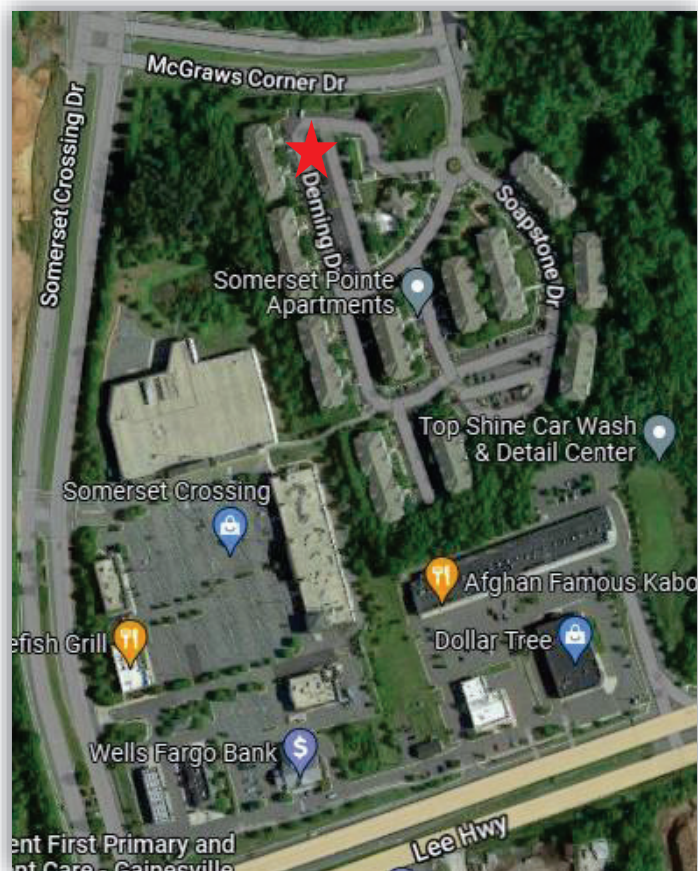
*Charges: two counts of aggravated malicious wounding, possession of a firearm on school grounds, use of a firearm in commission of a felony, and discharge of a firearm on school grounds*



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# SHOOTING – HOMICIDE



**Sunday, May 8, 2022 ~ 1:00 a.m.** – The 18-year-old victim was brought to the hospital by another individual and subsequently succumbed to gunshot wounds. Officers were able to determine that the shooting had occurred just before 1:00 a.m. on May 8, 2022, in the area of the Somerset Point Apartments and the 14700 block of Deming Drive.

## CLOSED BY ARREST

### Arrest of Two Suspects:

Adult Male

*Charges: 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder, robbery, and use of firearm in commission of a felony*

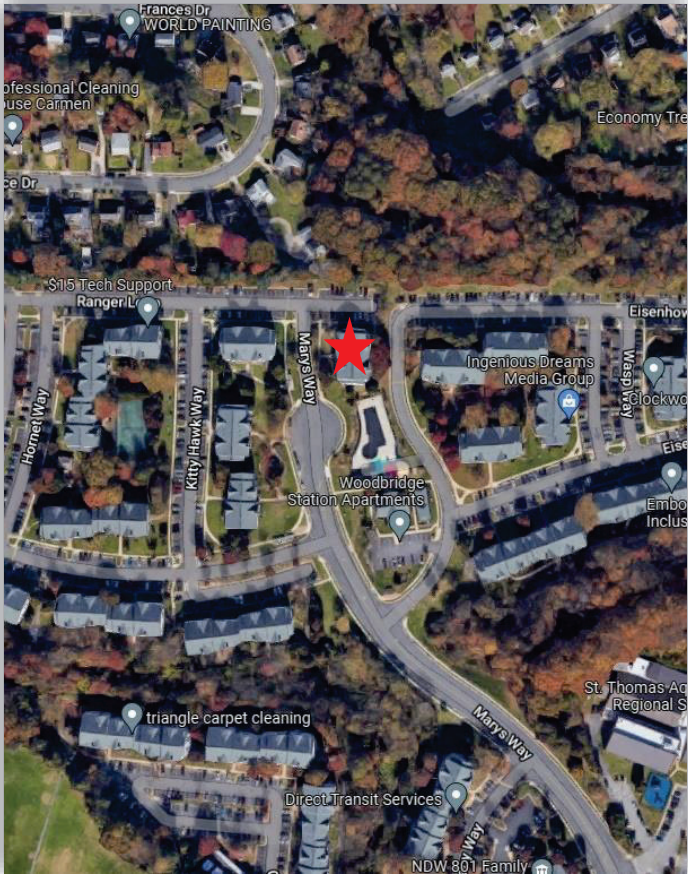
Juvenile Subject (16-year-old)

*Charges: 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder*



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# SHOOTING – HOMICIDE / TWO VICTIMS



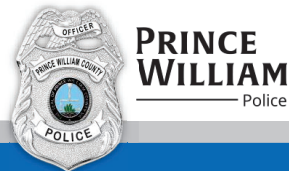
**Sunday, May 15, 2022 ~ 4:06 p.m.** - Officers responded to the Woodbridge Station Apartments located in the 13600 block of Mary's Way in Woodbridge to investigate a report of destruction of property. A resident of an apartment had discovered a bullet hole in his ceiling.

Officers attempted contact at the apartment where the gunshot was believed to have been fired to perform a welfare check on the occupants. After receiving no answer at the door, maintenance responded to the residence and provided entry. Upon performing the welfare check, officers located two adult men, both unresponsive and suffering from gunshot wounds.

## CLOSED BY ARREST

Juvenile Subject (15-year-old)

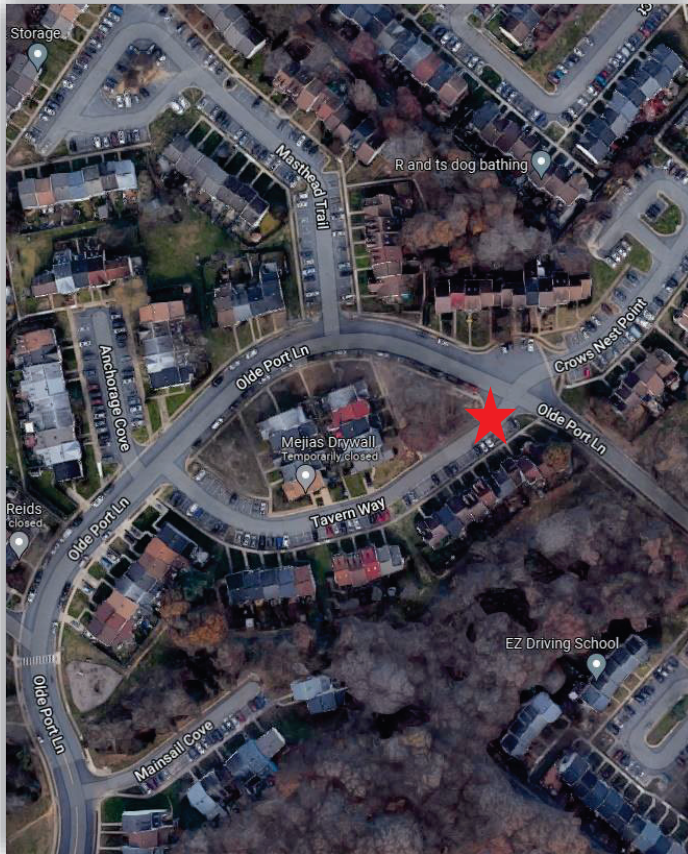
*Charges: Two counts of 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder, use of a firearm in commission of a felony, shooting into an unoccupied dwelling, and possession of a firearm by a person under the age of 18.*





# SHOOTING – HOMICIDE

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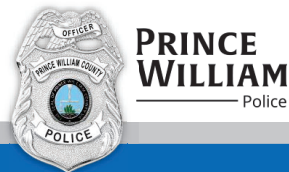
**Sunday, May 15, 2022 ~ 9:12 p.m.** – Prince William County police officers and officers from the Town of Dumfries Police Department responded to the 3600 block of Tavern Way in Triangle to investigate a shooting.

Upon arriving in the area, officers located an adult man lying in the parking lot suffering from an apparent gunshot wound to the upper body. Officers utilized trauma kits to administer first aid until rescue personnel arrived at the location. The man was pronounced dead at the scene. The preliminary investigation into the incident revealed that gunshots were heard in the parking lot before a SUV was seen leaving the area at a high rate of speed.

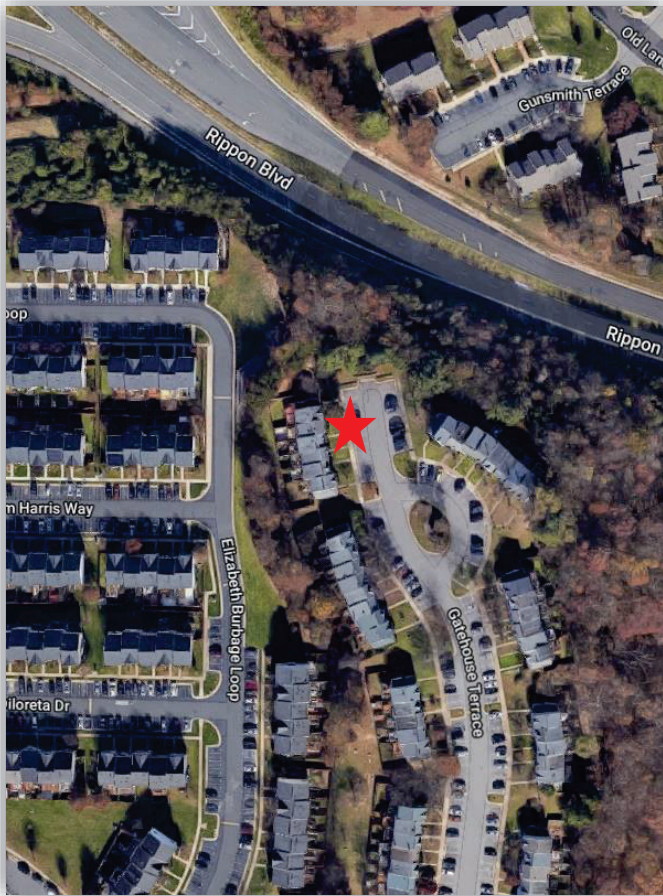
## CLOSED BY ARREST

Adult Male

*Charges: 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, use of a firearm in commission of felony*



# SHOOTING – CRITICAL



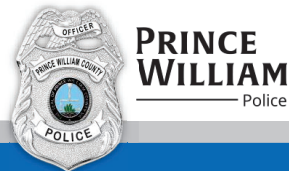
**Tuesday, May 24, 2022 ~ 6:41 p.m.** – Officers responded to the 15300 block of Gatehouse Terrace in Woodbridge to investigate a shooting with injuries. Upon arrival, officers located a 9-year-old girl suffering from a gunshot wound and utilized trauma kits to administer first aid until rescue personnel arrived on scene. The victim was flown to an area hospital with life-threatening injuries where she remains in critical condition.

The investigation revealed that a group of males were walking in the area when one of them fired multiple rounds. Detectives are actively investigating the incident.

## CLOSED BY ARREST

Juvenile Subject (15-year-old)

*Charges: aggravated malicious wounding, attempted malicious wounding, shooting at an occupied vehicle, use of a firearm in commission of felony, possession of firearm by a juvenile*



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## Combating Crime: Observations & Community Safety Ecosystem



# DISCUSSION: VIOLENT CRIME OBSERVATIONS

What are the variables affecting violent crime? **We define violence to more clearly understand its causes and the interventions required to prevent and intervene.**

It is not news that the causes of crime are complex and multifaceted.  
**Our strategies to combat it must be as well.**

## CONTEXT IMPACTING THE ISSUES

The reverberating impacts of 2020.

- The ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic
- Instability
- Evolving expectations on role of police
- Not all systems and services of the criminal justice system functioned during the pandemic

## WHAT ARE THE SURFACE-LEVEL ISSUES?

- Petty Arguments and Slightings
- Retaliation from Ongoing Disputes
- Domestic Violence
- Availability of Illegal Guns

## WHAT ARE THE ROOT CAUSES?

- Untreated Trauma
- Lack of Opportunity/Hope
- Social Influences that Normalize Violence
  - Segment of the juvenile population with little regard for human life committing violent crimes
- Fear for One's Survival
- Increase in people willing to use guns



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# COMMUNITY SAFETY IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

## MISSION

Address root causes of violent crime, hold offenders accountable, ensure effective reentry, and help people feel safe in every community in Prince William.

## Prevention

- Non- LE Intervention
- Coordinated Delivery of Wrap-Around Services
- Connect people and communities to care

## Intervention/ Enforcement

- Focused Intelligence
- Effective Response
- Intensive Community Collaboration

*Community Safety is a complex ecosystem involving multiple stakeholders.*

## Rehabilitation

- Education & Life Skills Training
- Effective Reentry Services Connected to Community

## Accountability

- Courts
- Timely, Fair, and Equitable Processes & Outcomes

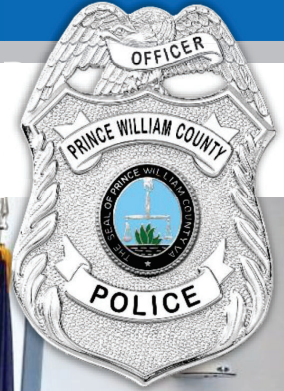


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## HOW WE ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE ECOSYSTEM

- Supporting Mentoring Programs: Omega Psi Phi Pi Lambda Lambda Forum
- Engagement with Students of all ages:
  - Host the Student Activity Leadership and Family Career and Community Leaders of America classes from Forest Park High School.
  - Leadership Program at Park Side Middle School
  - Monthly activities at Kilby Elementary School and Field Days at other elementary schools
- Youth Engagement Programs Throughout the Year:
  - Junior Police Academy, Explorer Program, Cadet Program, PAL, and Boys & Girls Club programs throughout the summer
- Chief's Advisory Board (CAB)
- Community Police Academy





Recruit Class Session 49  
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