

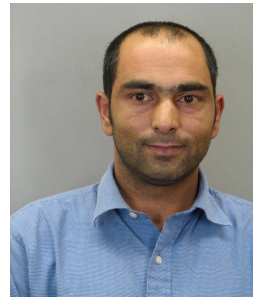


Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Two Arrested for Filing a False Complaint against a Town of Vienna Police Officer



Sara Salajegheh



Zahid Mahmood Khan

On May 5, 2008 at 3:20 p.m. a 12 year veteran Vienna Police Officer responded to a crash scene on May 5, 2008 at the intersection of Cottage Street and Cedar Lane. After arrival the officer determined that the crash had occurred outside of the actual Town of Vienna, but stood by to control the scene until Fairfax County Police arrived.

Some time later, one of the involved parties, a female, accused the Vienna officer of stealing some items from inside her vehicle while she was on the scene. This story was corroborated by the male passenger in the vehicle.

An internal investigation was conducted by Sergeant Elias as the result of the formal complaint against the officer. His investigation revealed that the allegations made against the officer were false. Sergeant Elias determined that the driver had falsely accused the officer of this offense because she felt she was unfairly held at fault in the crash.

Sergeant Elias conferred with the Town Attorney and subsequently obtained warrants charging the driver/complainant, as well as her passenger, with Making False Statements to a Police Officer.

On October 19, 2008 both parties in this case turned themselves in to officials at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where they were arrested and formally charged for making the false statements.

Arrested: Sara Salajegheh, 27 of Oakdale Crescent Court in Fairfax, Virginia
Zahid Mahmood Khan, 34 of Mathes Terrace in South Riding, Virginia

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