



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

August 14, 2020

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from August 7, 2020 – August 13, 2020. Readers are reminded that an “arrest” is based upon probable cause and does not always mean that someone was physically taken into custody. Furthermore, it does not mean that an individual is automatically guilty of a crime. Judicial outcomes and post-arrest proceedings can be researched through the appropriate court’s website.

(VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS is not meant to be a listing of every incident or call handled by the Vienna Police, but merely a more substantive summary of several incidents, which may be of interest to the community. Some reports may be outside the date parameters due to extended investigations or other circumstances. Some cases are not included at all due to ongoing investigations. Please contact Ruth Rohr for further information at Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov)

****In the last few weeks, the Town of Vienna Police Department responded to multiple cases of vehicle tamperings and stolen vehicles. In almost every case, the vehicle was left unlocked and/or keys left inside. The criminals responsible for these thefts target unlocked vehicles to steal valuables, money, electronics, etc., and all it takes is them pulling on the door handle of an unlocked car. They rarely break into a locked vehicle. Vienna police officers proactively patrol all areas of the town to protect its citizens and their property and would like your assistance in curbing this crime of opportunity by removing all valuables from your vehicles, removing all keys (to include valet keys), and report suspicious activity immediately by calling 703-255-6366 or 911.****

INCIDENTS

Vehicle Tampering 20-006367

800 Block Cottage Street, SW

Between July 13 at 12:01 a.m. and August 3 at 11:59 p.m.

A resident reported that an unknown person entered her unlocked vehicle and took a bag of clothes. The stolen items were recovered by another resident on Oak Street on July 14 (*Reference Incident 20-005489 in the July 17 Highlights*).

Lost Property 20-006378
200 Block Locust Street, SE
Between July 30 at 8:00 p.m. and August 10 at 9:00 a.m.
A resident reported that her glasses were missing.

Animal Case 20-006312
300 Block Nutley Street, SW
August 7 9:00 a.m.
A citizen reported a severely injured fawn in the area. An officer observed the fawn was in grave condition and euthanized the animal.

Suspicious Event 20-006321
7-11
537 Maple Avenue, West
August 7 8:09 p.m.
A citizen reported that she was being harassed by another woman because she refused to share a cigarette with her. An officer spoke to the other woman and the two of them agreed to avoid each other in the future.

Petit Larceny 20-006340
Wawa
465 Maple Avenue, West
August 8 between 6:00 p.m. and 6:13 p.m.
A group of juveniles parked their bikes outside of Wawa. When they returned, one of the bikes had been stolen.

Suspicious Vehicle 20-006341
Wolftrap Hotel
430 Maple Avenue, West
August 8 6:55 p.m.
An officer observed a vehicle with the driver's side window broken out in the hotel parking lot. The management did not know about the damaged vehicle or if it belonged to a guest at the hotel. The officer was unable to locate the vehicle's owner.

Assault 20-006354
200 Block Oak Street, SW
August 9 5:48 p.m.
A resident reported that her roommate sprayed Lysol at her. The resident was advised of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges.

Juvenile Case 20-006368
W&OD Bike Trail near Adahi Road, SE
August 10 10:12 a.m.
An officer responded to the report of a juvenile sitting alone on a bench on the trail. The juvenile advised that his father was jogging on the trail and that he was waiting for him to return. When the man returned, approximately twenty minutes later, the officer counseled him on the dangers of leaving the child alone on the trail.

Petit Larceny 20-006380

Giant Food

359 Maple Avenue, East

August 10 6:05 p.m.

An employee reported a man concealed several bottles of champagne and left the store without paying for them. The employee reported that this was the same man who has shoplifted from the store in the past (*reference Incident #20-005894 from the July 31 Highlights and Incident #20-006150 from the August 7 Highlights*).

Hit and Run 20-006381

Beulah Road and Church Street, NE

August 10 6:22 p.m.

Officers were searching the area after receiving several calls regarding a reckless driver. The vehicle they were searching for was then involved in an accident and the driver fled the scene. This case is under investigation. (*See Accident #20-006381*)

Suspicious Person 20-006383

Vienna Community Center

120 Cherry Street, SE

August 10 7:28 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of an intoxicated man near the gazebo. Officers located the man who lived in the vicinity and escorted him home.

Vehicle Tampering 20-0006402

100 Block Ayr Hill Avenue, NE

Between August 10 at 10:30 p.m. and August 11 at 6:30 a.m.

A resident reported that someone rummaged through his unlocked vehicle and stole a pair of prescription sunglasses and coins.

Suspicious Event 20-006401

1100 Block Pekay Street, SW

August 11 11:55 a.m.

A resident advised that a package was delivered to his home by U.S. Mail from an unknown name and address in Massachusetts. The package was addressed to the resident's young child. Attempts to contact the sender were unsuccessful. Due to several concerns about the package, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Hazardous Material's Unit, a Postal Inspector, and other officials responded to inspect the package. Once the package was deemed safe, it was opened and found to contain two children's books and a bib. A short time later, contact was made with the sender of the package and it was determined they were sending a baby gift to a family member who has the same name, but they sent it to the wrong household.

Arrest – Disorderly Conduct 20-006409

T-Mobile

216 Maple Avenue, West

August 11 5:06 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a disorderly woman in the store. Upon the officers' interaction with the woman, she became more agitated, refused to leave the store, and began making calls to 911.

MPO Lose arrested the 47-year-old woman from Linden Leaf Court in Fairfax, Virginia. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where she was charged with Obstruction of Justice, Disorderly Conduct, and Trespass.

Fraud 20-006410

Navy Federal Credit Union

820 Follin Lane, SE

August 11 6:34 p.m.

A citizen reported that an unknown person fraudulently cashed a distribution check from his pension fund.

Suicide 20-006414

1100 Block Fairway Drive, NE

August 11 8:55 p.m.

A neighbor advised he was conducting a welfare check on the elderly resident when he found the man was deceased in the home.

Natural Death 20-006516

300 Block Locust Street, SE

August 12 12:06 a.m.

Officers responded with rescue personnel with an elderly resident who suffered from medical issues. The woman was found deceased in her home.

Domestic Dispute 20-006417

Wawa

465 Maple Avenue, West

August 12 12:37 a.m.

Officers responded to the report of a child custody dispute. The father of the teenage juvenile reported that he picked his son up at his friend's house to spend time with him. The juvenile's mother had a court order that noted this violated the father's visitation agreement. The juvenile agreed to leave with his mother.

Suspicious Event 20-006427

900 Block Frederick Street, SW

August 12 8:00 a.m.

A resident reported that someone defecated in her backyard.

Animal Case 20-006440

400 Block Windover Avenue, NW

August 12 4:00 p.m.

A resident advised his daughters were bathing the family dog in the backyard when they were approached by a raccoon that ran towards them, chasing them into the house. The raccoon lingered at the backdoor before walking off towards the street. The resident and an officer searched the yard but were unable to locate the animal.

Open Door 20-006442

Dr. Jamal Yousefi Cosmetic Plastic Surgery

502 Maple Avenue, West

August 12 6:15 p.m.

Officers responding to the report of an alarm found an unlocked door to the business. Officers searched the office and found that nothing that appeared suspicious.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 20-006446

700 Block Skyline Court, SE

August 12 10:24 p.m.

A resident was having dinner with his friends in his backyard when they were approached by an unknown man who appeared heavily intoxicated. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, they detected signs of impairment.

PFC Murray arrested the 23-year-old man from Haynes Ford Way in Alexandria, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Drunk In Public.

Suspicious Event 20-006452

600 Yeonas Drive, SW

August 13 between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

A resident reported that someone took down the fence edging around his flowerbed. No damage was observed. (*Reference Incidents #20-005470 and #20-005490 from the July 17 Highlights*).

Petit Larceny 20-006464

Panera Bread

136 Maple Avenue, West

August 13 between 6:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

An employee reported that a woman rushed into the vestibule area, grabbed a bag from the takeout shelf, and fled the restaurant in a vehicle. They did not realize the woman had stolen someone else's order until the customer came to pick up their food.

CRASHES

Park Street and Harmony Drive, SE 20-006310

August 7 5:03 a.m.

A pedestrian was walking his dog across Park Street when a vehicle traveling northbound struck the dog and fled the scene.

500 Block Maple Avenue, West 20-006339

August 8 2:00 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in the parking lot when it was struck by Vehicle-1 (an unknown vehicle). Driver-1 fled the scene without providing their information.

Beulah Road and Church Street, NE 20-006381

August 10 6:22 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling southbound on Beulah Road approaching Church Street. Vehicle-2 stopped for the red traffic light. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2. Driver-1 fled the scene.

Park Street and Elmar Drive, SE 20-006404

August 11 2:45 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was northbound on Park Street near Elmar Drive. Vehicle-2 was traveling behind Vehicle-1. Vehicle-1 suffered a mechanical steering failure. As Driver-1 tried to correct the issue the two vehicles collided.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging No Driver's License.

400 Block Mill Street, SE 20-006426

August 12 10:31 a.m.

Vehicle-1 (an unknown vehicle) struck Vehicle-2, a legally parked vehicle, and struck a light pole. Driver-1 fled the scene.

100 Block Maple Avenue, East 20-006466

August 13 7:48 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in the Whole Foods parking lot when it was struck by Vehicle-1 (an unknown vehicle). Driver-1 fled the scene.

CASE UPDATES

None.

Please contact **Ruth Rohr** for further information on any of these cases at Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov or 703-255-6324.

VIRGINIA ENTERS PHASE THREE OF GOV. RALPH NORTHAM'S FORWARD VIRGINIA

For more information, navigate to <https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus-updates/>



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Operations Modifications in Response to COVID-19

March 18, 2020

In the interest of public safety for our residents, businesses, and visitors, the Vienna Police Department has modified its operations to increase social distancing and reduce the chance of spreading the COVID-19 virus.

This modified operation entails taking certain police reports for relatively minor and non-violent crimes by telephone. These will be cases where there is no need for evidence collection, not a crime in progress, but the incident still needs to be documented.

If you are calling to file a police report, Communications personnel will ask you questions to help determine if your call meets the criteria for a telephone follow-up and if so, you may be advised that an officer will call you back to assess the need to respond in person or complete the report via telephone. If you feel that an officer is required, you may make that request, and an officer will respond. The incident report over the telephone will go into the same records management system and will be tracked the same as if an officer responded.

If a police officer responds to your location, please be prepared to step outside to meet the officer to encourage social distancing and avoid the spread of the virus.

By using telephone reporting, you will help us limit exposure. We thank you for your understanding and support as we continue to maintain our mission of providing a safe community for all of our citizens, businesses, and visitors.

Out of an abundance of caution, we have also suspended some low priority services, which include: Ride-Along, PIO public engagements, VIN verifications, and child safety seats installations. Access to our police lobby will be restricted to immediate police assistance only. We do encourage our citizens to call the police department with questions at 703-255-6366 instead of visiting our lobby.

The Vienna Police Department continues to remain staffed, operational, and ready to respond to all emergencies, in-progress incidents, and priority calls. Day and night patrols remain at full strength, so you should not hesitate to call for assistance.

The process of handling some calls for service over the phone and limiting other services is temporary and will be continually reevaluated in the coming weeks.

Thank You,
Chief Jim Morris



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Reminder

Prevention of Stolen Vehicles/Vehicle Tamperings

With the advent of warmer weather, the Town of Vienna Police Department would like to remind all Town of Vienna residents to secure their vehicles and personal belongings. Recently there have been several vehicle tamperings to include stolen vehicles from Vienna and the neighboring jurisdictions.

The Vienna Police Department would like to remind citizens of the following steps to assist in the prevention of your vehicle being tampered with or stolen:

Lock your Car Doors.

The majority of the vehicles being entered and/or stolen have been unlocked.

Remove all Valuables.

In most cases, the subjects responsible for these acts have been targeting vehicles that contain valuables such as, but not limited to, laptop computers, GPS's, pocketbooks/purses, loose change, cameras, etc. If you must leave valuables in your vehicle, please be sure to conceal the items, in the trunk, under the seats or use any other means to make them undetectable. Also, make sure to record all serial numbers, and if possible, engrave them or permanently mark the items with easily identifiable markings, in the event the items are recovered.

Remove all Keys.

The subjects who commit these crimes are aware that most new vehicles come with valet keys. Most of these keys are kept inside the vehicles, either in the center consoles, or the glove compartments, or other areas easily accessible. In some instances, the owners have left their keys rings containing their house keys, providing access to their homes.

Report Suspicious Activity

In some cases, the subjects have been observed wearing several layers of clothing, not consistent with the weather conditions. This is used to conceal stolen items and also to make identification difficult as they will shed layers of clothing as they flee the area when they suspect they have been observed committing a crime.

The Town of Vienna Police Department is dedicated to the safety and protection of all persons and property in the Town of Vienna. However, much of our success comes from the assistance of its concerned and observant residents.

****A reminder to secure your vehicles and remove all valuables! **
Even if your vehicle is parked in your driveway, please secure all windows and doors and remove all valuables.**



CITIZEN NOTES

Vienna Police Department Construction Project Updates

Updates about the police department construction project will be posted regularly to the “Police Department Renovation” page, located under the Police Department section, at viennava.gov, or follow the below link.

** As we move forward with designing and ultimately constructing a new facility, Chief Morris is committed to keeping the Vienna community informed and involved in the process. To begin that effort a link has been established on the police department page of the Town of Vienna website (<https://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=1225>), and we will be providing regular updates about the process in these Highlights.

Citizens are reminded to PLEASE call and report suspicious activity. Even if you choose not to provide your name or other personal information, we still need your help as extra eyes and ears in the community.

**See or Hear Something? Say Something!
We WANT to be Bothered! Call 9-1-1.**