



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

August 21, 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 14, 2020 – August 20, 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

Animal Complaint 20-006507

Vienna Dog Park

700 Courthouse Road, SW

August 13 3:00 p.m.

A citizen reported that her dog got into a fight with another dog at the park. Her dog required stitches to his ear and the other dog suffered an injury to its eye.

Lost Property 20-006502

Tapawingo Road and Ware Street, SW

Between August 13 at 6:00 p.m. and August 14 at 10:07 a.m.

A citizen reported that he lost his wallet.

Destruction of Property 20-006511

Southside Park

1317 Ross Drive, SW

Between August 13 at 8:00 p.m. and August 14 at 12:00 p.m.

An employee with the Town Parks and Recreation Department reported that someone spray-painted graffiti on the bathroom building, the wall next to the creek, the water fountain, and trash cans. A board in front of the men's bathroom was also vandalized.

Suspicious Event 20-006509

700 Block Skyline Court, NE

Between August 13 at 9:00 p.m. and August 14 at 1:36 p.m.

A resident reported dents and scratches to the inside door jamb of her driver's side door.

Suspicious Event 20-006485

1200 Block Cottage Street, SW

August 14 7:13 a.m.

Officers responded for a welfare check at the request of the Fairfax County Police Department after the resident's mother received some suspicious text messages from their son who resides in town. Officers were unable to locate the man. However, his wife reported that they had an argument and he walked off to calm down. The officer was later informed that the man was with his father and was going to a medical facility for evaluation.

Animal Case - Quarantine 20-006551

Hope Advanced Veterinary Center

140 Park Street, SE

August 14 12:00 p.m.

An employee was bitten by a dog while she was trying to get the animal out of the owner's vehicle for an appointment. The dog was transferred to another animal hospital in Loudoun County. The case was forwarded to the Loudoun County Health Department to follow up on the quarantine.

Fraud 20-006514

800 Block Shahaam Court, SE

August 14 between 2:30 p.m. and 3:20 p.m.

A resident reported that she received an email from what appeared to be her Amazon Prime credit card stating there was an issue with her account. The email provided a phone number to customer service, where the resident was advised that she would need to purchase a Target gift card to correct the issue with her credit card. After providing the information on the gift card to the man, she realized it was a scam.

Petit Larceny 20-006537

200 Block Park Terrace Court, SE, #96

August 15 between 11:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

A resident reported that an Amazon package was taken from his front porch.

Telephone Case 20-006541

100 Block Patrick Street, SE

August 15 3:00 p.m.

A resident reported a suspicious phone call he received from a man claiming that someone had been using his personal information to open unauthorized accounts. The caller asked the resident for his personal information, which he provided.

Suspicious Event 20-6528

600 Block Hillcrest Drive, SW

August 15 4:20 p.m.

A resident reported that she parked her vehicle in front of her house. A short time later, she observed the driver's side rear window was broken. It appears the window was broken from the inside and could be the result of a defect in the window.

Animal Case 20-006538

Peterson Lane Park

575 Malcolm Road, NW

August 16 1:15 p.m.

Two men came to the police station to report an incident that occurred at the park between their dogs. One man did not have his dogs leashed at the time of the incident. The man was advised of the Town's leash law. The information on the incident was forwarded to the animal control officer for follow up.

Burglary 20-006542

600 Block Plum Street, SW

August 16 7:35 p.m.

A resident reported U.S. currency was missing from her home.

Suspicious Event 20-006548

300 Block Glyndon Street, NE

August 16 11:05 p.m.

A resident reported that she observed a man come onto their front porch and she believed he attempted to open the locked door. The man ran off the porch in an unknown direction.

Petit Larceny 20-006571

400 Block Glyndon Street, NE

Between August 17 at 10:00 p.m. and August 18 at 7:00 a.m.

A resident reported that a political sign was taken from their yard.

Animal Case 20-006582
400 Block Moorefield Road, SW
August 18 11:55 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of a barking dog complaint. Two dogs were found in the backyard of the residence. The officer was unable to contact the dogs' owner. Nothing appeared to be disturbed at the residence and the dogs had adequate shelter and water. The animal control officer will follow up on the noise complaint.

Police Service 20-006602
600 Block Gibson Drive, SW
August 18 12:15 p.m.

A resident reported that she received a phone call from someone claiming they were related to law enforcement, conducting an investigation. The unknown caller asked her for personal banking information, which she provided. The resident was advised to immediately notify her bank and credit bureaus to assist in safeguarding her accounts.

Suspicious Event 20-006607
200 Block Commons Drive, NW
August 19 6:59 p.m.

A resident received a call from someone claiming she won money. When she later realized the call was an attempted scam, she called the man back and told him she was not interested. The man became angry with the resident and made threats to her.

Civil Matter 20-006610
200 Block Locust Street, SE
August 19 6:32 p.m.

A resident reported that her roommate threw her towels onto the grass. The resident further advised that she had obtained a protective order against her roommate that had not yet been served. Sgt. Sheeran responded to the home and served the order on the roommate, preventing her from having contact, threatening, or harassing the resident.

Domestic Dispute 20-006612
Patrick Street, SE
August 19 8:29 p.m.

A resident reported a verbal dispute she had with her estranged husband regarding their son. The resident requested the man leave the apartment and he complied. The man was advised that he may be charged with trespass if he returns to the apartment.

Vandalism 20-006629
100 Block Church Street, NE
August 20 between 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

A resident reported that someone vandalized his vehicle by slashing a tire and breaking the gas cap.

CRASHES

Maple Avenue and Branch Road, SE 20-006403

August 11 2:22 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped at the red traffic light in the left northbound lane of Branch Road to turn left onto Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was exiting the Giant Food parking lot to enter the northbound right lane of Branch Road when the vehicles collided.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

Maple Avenue near Lawyers Road, NW 20-006557

August 17 5:17 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling in the same lane of traffic on Maple Avenue, approaching Lawyers Road. Vehicle-2 stopped in traffic. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

200 Block Park Street, SE 20-006605

August 19 3:40 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Park Street near the entrance of the Noodles & Company parking lot. Vehicle-1 was exiting the parking lot to travel southbound on Park Street when it collided with Vehicle-2.

Driver-2 was issued a summons charging Failure to Yield When Entering a Highway.

Branch Road and Charles Street, SE 20-6627

August 20 4:57 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Branch Road approaching Charles Street. Vehicle-1 was traveling southbound on Branch Road. Driver-1 drifted into the northbound lane and collided head-on with Vehicle-2.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Reckless Driving.

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.**