



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

August 28, 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 21, 2020 – August 27, 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 Case 20-006731
300 Block Mill Street, NE
August 6 2:54 p.m.

A citizen was bitten by her own dog on her ear while playing.

Fraud 20-006578

200 Block Commons Drive, NW

Between August 8 12:00 p.m. and August 11 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported several fraudulent charges on his bank account.

Petit Larceny 20-006646

600 Block Kearney Court, SW

Between August 17 10:00 p.m. and August 20 8:00 a.m.

A resident reported that someone stole tools from his carport.

Property Found 20-006658

300 Block Church Street, NE

August 21 9:14 a.m.

A citizen turned in found property.

Suspicious Event 20-006650

Park Street, SE / Locust Street, SE

August 21 5:30 p.m.

A teen approached an elderly man that appeared to be in distress to check on his welfare. The teen later reported that the elderly man made some inappropriate statements to her before leaving the area.

Arrest - Drunk In Public 20-006683

Southside Park

1317 Ross Drive, SW

August 22 12:12 a.m.

While on routine patrol OFC McElhattan observed a suspicious vehicle where a man was sleeping. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, he detected signs of impairment.

PFC McElhattan arrested the 22-year-old man with an unknown address. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Drunk In Public.

Natural Death 20-006688

400 Block Troy Court, SE

Between August 22 5:00 p.m. and August 23 11:00 a.m.

A citizen requested police assistance with a deceased elderly person. After investigating, it was determined that the person died of natural causes.

Found Property 20-006671

Vienna Community Center

120 Cherry Street, SE

August 22 8:55 p.m.

A citizen turned in found property.

Found Property 20-006691
Church Street, NE / Mill Street, NE
August 23 4:20 p.m.
A citizen turned in found property.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 20-006697
200 Block Courthouse Circle, SW
August 23 7:58 p.m.

A resident requested police assistance with an emotionally disturbed person. After speaking with all parties involved it was determined that the emotionally disturbed person had not broken any laws and did not meet the criteria for an emergency custody order.

Stolen Vehicle 20-6700
300 Block Ayr Hill Avenue, NE
August 24 between 2:00 a.m. and 2:12 p.m.

A resident reported that someone stole his vehicle from his driveway. The resident advised the vehicle was unlocked and that he had left the keys inside the vehicle.

Alarm Business 20-006727
Westwood Country Club
800 Maple Avenue, East
August 25 12:37 a.m.

Officers responded to the address for an alarm and located an open door. Officers searched the business and did not find anything suspicious. Officers were able to secure the door.

Burglary 20-006790
200 Block Moore Avenue, SE
Between August 25 12:00 p.m. and August 26 6:30 a.m.

A resident reported that someone entered her garage and stole a bicycle. While the unknown suspect was in the garage, they rummaged through the contents of her unlocked vehicle.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 20-006734
Vienna Police Station
215 Center Street South
August 25 12:27 p.m.

An emotionally disturbed person walked inside the Vienna Police Station lobby and requested police assistance. After speaking with the emotionally disturbed person, it was determined that medical assistance was necessary. An ambulance responded to the Vienna Police Station and transported the emotionally disturbed person to a medical facility.

Stolen Vehicle 20-006759
500 Block Orchard Street, NW
Between August 25 7:00 p.m. and August 26 8:30 a.m.

A resident reported that someone stole his vehicle from his driveway. The resident advised that the vehicle was unlocked and the keys inside the vehicle.

Domestic Dispute 20-006743

900 Block Ware Street, SW

August 25 8:17 p.m.

A resident requested police assistance with a domestic dispute. Officers responded to the residence, after speaking to all parties involved, it was determined that no violation of law had taken place. Both parties agreed to sleep on different floors of the house to avoid any other disputes.

Stolen Vehicle 20-006772

300 Block of Nutley Street, NW

August 26 4:26 a.m.

A resident reported that someone entered one of her unlocked vehicles parked on her driveway. Inside this vehicle, there was a key to a second vehicle parked in the same driveway. The suspect took the key and stole the second vehicle.

Found Property 20-006753

Glyndon Street SE / Moore Avenue SE

August 26 6:55 a.m.

Officers responded to investigate reports of a bicycle on the roadway. Upon arrival, officers located an abandoned bicycle. The bike was collected and placed in property for safekeeping.

Police Service 20-006760

200 Block Locust Street, SE

August 26 9:00 a.m.

A resident requested police assistance with a roommate dispute. Officers responded to the residence, spoke to all parties involved, and determined that no violation of law had taken place.

Petit Larceny 20-006783

Vienna Elementary School

128 Center Street, SE

August 26 between 11:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

A citizen reported that someone stole his unsecured bicycle.

Petit Larceny 20-006752

500 Block Valley Drive, SE

Between August 26 4:30 p.m. and August 27 6:55 a.m.

A resident reported that someone entered her unlocked vehicle and stole a pair of prescription glasses.

Vehicle Tampering 20-006782

300 Block Holmes Drive, NW

Between August 26 6:00 p.m. and August 27 8:30 a.m.

A resident reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle and stole some coins from the center console.

Grand Larceny 20-006791

600 Block John Marshall Drive, NW

Between August 26 6:30 p.m. and August 27 3:30 p.m.

A resident reported that someone entered his vehicle through the soft top and stole his laptop.

Unlawful Entry 20-006785

100 Block Kingsley Road, SW

Between August 26 9:00 p.m. and August 27 1:00 p.m.

A resident reported that someone entered the shed in his backyard, but nothing was missing.

Assault 20-006774

Palm Beach Tan

105 Center Street North

August 26 9:03 p.m.

Police responded to a panic alarm activation at the business. Once on the scene, an employee stated that an altercation between two customers had taken place before close. The two parties involved in the altercation were interviewed, and there were no visible injuries. The victim was advised of the process to obtain an arrest warrant due to impending travel plans.

Suspicious Event 20-006776

200 Block Locust Street, NE

August 26 9:37 p.m.

A resident requested police assistance with a roommate dispute. Officers responded to the residence and spoke to all parties involved and determined that no violation of law had taken place.

Domestic Dispute 20-006775

100 Block Shepherdson Lane, NE

August 26 9:43 p.m.

A resident requested police assistance with a domestic dispute in progress. Officers responded to the scene and spoke to everyone involved. It was determined that no violation of law had taken place. One of the involved parties agreed to leave the house for the night and stay at a girlfriend's house. The other party was advised on how to request a protective order at the magistrate's office.

Domestic Dispute 20-006779

100 Block Shepherdson Lane, NE

August 27 6:20 a.m.

A resident requested police assistance with a domestic dispute. Once on scene, Officers met with the resident and addressed her concerns. Shortly after the officers left, the resident called and requested that the officers return. Officers responded back to the home and met with the resident to address her new concerns. She was advised on the process to request a protective order at the magistrate's office.

Arrest - Violation of Protective Order 20-006789

200 Block Locust Street, SE

August 27 2:51 p.m.

A resident reported that her roommate violated an active protective order. Officers investigated the allegations and determined that a violation of the protective order had taken place.

MPO Finelli arrested the 68-year-old woman from Locust Street, SE, in Vienna. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. The woman was released on an unsecured bond and transported back to Locust Street, SE.

DPW – Line Down 20-006793

Ninovan Road, SE / Fellini Court, SE

August 27 6:26 p.m.

A citizen reported a fallen, large limb that was blocking the road. The Department of Public Works was contacted to clear the road.

Suspicious Event 20-006804

200 Block McHenry Street, SE

August 27 6:44 p.m.

A resident reported that an unknown vehicle stopped on the roadway in front of his home and took several pictures of his house.

Suspicious Event 20-006809

200 Locust Street, SE

August 27 8:26 p.m.

A resident requested police assistance with a verbal dispute. Police responded to the residence and determined that no violation of law had taken place and advice both parties to keep to themselves.

CRASHES

224 Maple Avenue West 20-006553

August 17 12:24 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was attempting to enter Maple Avenue West from the parking lot of 224 Maple Avenue West. One lane of traffic had stopped to allow Vehicle-1 to enter the roadway. Vehicle-1 entered Maple Avenue without the right of way and was struck by Vehicle-2, which was traveling east on Maple Avenue.

112 Lawyers Road, NW 20-006575

August 18 1:01 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Lawyers Road NW approaching Maple Avenue West. Vehicle-1 entered Lawyers Road from the parking lot of 112 Lawyers Road, NW, without the right of way and struck Vehicle-2. Driver-1 was transported to Fairfax Hospital for a complaint of back pain.

Giant – Hit and Run

359 Maple Avenue East 20-006707

August 20 12:00 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was struck while parked and unoccupied. Vehicle-2 left the scene without providing any insurance or driver information.

Maple Avenue East / Beulah Road NE 20-006630

August 20 8:11 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped at the red traffic signal at Maple Avenue East / Beulah Road in the right lane, traveling east. Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound directly behind Vehicle-2 and failed to stop in time, rear-ending Vehicle-2. Driver-1 stated she was distracted, causing her to not be able to stop in time. Driver-2 complained of neck and back pain and was transported by rescue to Fairfax Hospital.

Driver-1 was charged with Failing to Pay Full Time and Attention

120 Maple Avenue East 20-006651

August 21 6:53 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound in the left travel lane of Maple Avenue/ W&OD trail. Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Maple Avenue in the right travel lane. Driver-1 made a lane change into the right travel lane and struck Vehicle-2. Driver-1 stated that she looked before she changed lanes but did not see Vehicle-2.

Driver-1 was charged with improper lane change.

Maple Avenue West / Nutley Street, SW 20-006709

August 24 11:46 a.m.

Vehicle-1 and Vehicle-2 were headed eastbound on Maple Avenue West. Vehicle-2 was directly in front of Vehicle-1, and in the right lane. Vehicle-2 was stopped in the traffic lane due to the red traffic signal at Nutley Street, SW. As the light changed to green, Vehicle-1 started to go, but Vehicle-2 had not. This action caused Vehicle-1 to rear-end Vehicle-2.

704 Nutley Street, SW 20-006773

August 26 8:18 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling in the northbound lanes of Nutley Street SW when it struck a deer crossing the roadway. The deer caused extensive damage to the front bumper and hood and shattered the front windshield. The vehicle was driven off the road and parked for towing. The deer was deceased. Speed was not a factor.

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.**