



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

August 7, 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 July 31, 2020 – August 6, 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

Suspicious Event 20-006140

900 Block Fairway Drive, NE

October 1 between 12:00 a.m. and 10:48 a.m.

A resident reported that someone had used her profile to impersonate and defame her on social media by posting inappropriate and explicit material.

Lost Property 20-006104

200 Block Commons Drive, NW

Between December 21, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. and July 25 at 8:00 a.m.

A resident reported that one of his firearms is missing.

Animal Case – Quarantine 20-006217

100 Block Wilmar Place, NW

July 26 9:51 a.m.

On August 4, ACO Barker received an animal bite report from the Fairfax County Animal Control for an incident that occurred on July 26 where a friend's dog bit a child. ACO Barker spoke to the owner of the dog and advised them of the quarantine procedure.

Suspicious Event 20-006175

1100 Westbriar Court, NE

Between July 30 at 5:00 p.m. and July 31 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that someone opened the gate leading from her driveway to her backyard.

Animal Case 20-006103

300 Block Dominion Road, NE

July 31 8:19 a.m.

Officers responded to the area for the report of a sick raccoon. The animal was in grave condition and was euthanized by an officer.

Suspicious Event 20-006173

1100 Westbriar Court, NE

Between July 31 at 2:00 p.m. and August 2 at 11:00 a.m.

A resident reported that someone moved a table on her rear deck and bent the umbrella stand.

Shoplifting 20-006150

Giant Food

359 Maple Avenue, East

July 31 between 6:50 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

On August 1, an employee reported that a man stole bottles of champagne the previous evening. The employee stated that this was the same man who shoplifted from the store on July 24 (*reference Incident #20-005894 from the July 31 Highlights*).

Computer Harassment 20-006294

200 Block Church Street, NE

Between August 1 at 12:01 a.m. and August 6 at 6:30 p.m.

A resident reported that she is receiving harassing messages from her children's father through a social media business page.

Vehicle Tampering 20-006179

900 Block Frederick Street, SW

Between August 1 at 7:30 p.m. and August 2 at 4:00 p.m.

A resident reported that someone rummaged through his unlocked vehicle.

Suspicious Event 20-006153

200 Block Locust Street, SE

August 1 10:51 p.m.

A resident called 911 to report an argument she had with her roommate over the thermostat. The resident was counseled on her use of the 911 system.

Arrest – Telephone Case 20-006167

200 Block Locust Street, SE

August 1 10:51 p.m.

On August 2, MPO Lose obtained a misdemeanor warrant charging Annoying Phone Calls for a resident for misuse of the 911 system (*reference Incident #20-006153*). The resident had been counseled on numerous occasions by our officers and by the Fairfax County Community Response Team regarding her use of the 911 system for non-emergency calls.

MPO Lose served the warrant on the 68-year-old woman from Locust Street, SE in Vienna and released her on her signature.

Assault 20-006168

200 Block Locust Street, SE

August 1 11:30 p.m.

On August 2, after being served with a warrant (*Incident #20-006167*), the resident reported to the officer that her roommate threatened her the previous night. The resident was advised of the warrant procedure should she wish to pursue charges against her roommate.

Found Property 20-006164

Vienna Fire Station

400 Center Street, South

August 2 7:59 a.m.

A citizen turned in a money clip with U.S. currency to the fire station.

Petit Larceny 20-006176

1000 Block Fairway Drive, NE

August 2 2:30 p.m.

A resident reported that one of her license plates was stolen from her vehicle.

Arrest – Warrant Service 20-006207

400 Block John Marshall Drive, NE

August 3 2:31 p.m.

At the request of the Fairfax County Police Department, officers responded to a residence in an attempt to locate a man who had an active warrant for his arrest in the County.

MPO Lyons arrested the 67-year-old man from Beachcomber Lane in Houston, Texas. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where the misdemeanor warrant for Indecent Exposure was served on him.

Telephone Case 20-006231

1000 Block Fairway Drive, NE

August 4 10:14 p.m.

A resident reported that he is receiving threatening text messages from an acquaintance.

Suspicious Person 20-006285
400 Block MacArthur Avenue, NE
August 6 12:54 p.m.

A resident reported a man who was incoherent and lying on the sidewalk. Upon the officers' interaction with the man, they determined he may be suffering from some medical or mental issues. Rescue personnel was summoned to assess the man, however; when they arrived, the man became agitated. The man began to walk away and pulled out a pocket knife. The man did not threaten anyone with the weapon and after speaking to the officers, agreed to give them the knife for safekeeping. The man refused any medical evaluation and did not appear to need immediate medical or mental treatment. The man refused any further assistance and left the area.

Fraud 20-006295
Giant Food
359 Maple Avenue, East
August 6 3:52 p.m.

A citizen reported that she noticed her wallet was stolen after her bank notified her that her credit cards and debit card were being fraudulently used at Giant Food.

Arrest – Emergency Commitment Order 20-006293
Wolftrap Hotel
430 Maple Avenue, West
August 6 5:21 p.m.

Arlington County Police Department requested a welfare check on a man staying at the hotel after he sent suicidal text messages to his girlfriend. Upon the officers' interaction with the 52-year-old man from 2nd Road in Arlington, Virginia, it was determined that he would be taken into custody on an Emergency Commitment Order. Ofc. McElhattan transported the man to an area medical facility where he was turned over to the custody of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Department.

Assist EMS 20-006297
100 Block Patrick Street, SE
August 6 8:26 p.m.

Officers responded to an apartment to assist rescue personal with an alcohol overdose. The man was transported to an area hospital for treatment.

CRASHES

422 Maple Avenue, East 20-006199

July 29 6:00 p.m.

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

100 Block Maple Avenue, West 20-006142

August 1 12:27 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound in the left lane of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was eastbound in the right lane. Driver-1 attempted to merge into the left lane and collided with Vehicle-2.

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

100 Block Church Street, NW 20-006152

August 1 3:00 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in a parking garage when it was struck by Vehicle-1. Driver-1 fled the scene without providing their information.

200 Block Maple Avenue, East 20-006169

August 2 12:09 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue in the same lane of traffic. Vehicle-2 slowed to turn right into a parking lot. Vehicle-1 (a moped) ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

Lawyers Road and Upham Place, NW 20-006178

August 2 5:27 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling northbound on Lawyers Road approaching Upham Place. Vehicle-2 stopped for the stop sign and was rear-ended by Vehicle-1.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Following Too Closely.

143 Maple Avenue, East 20-006180

August 2 8:00 p.m.

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

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/>

A community conversation on policing in Vienna and use of force

The Vienna Police Department's Chief Jim Morris and others will participate in the monthly "On Deck with Mercury" hosted by town manager Mercury Payton on Tuesday, August 11, from 6-8 pm, in the Vienna Community Center's gym. During this event, Mr. Payton will lead a community discussion on policing in Vienna and use of force.

Due to COVID-19 and social distancing requirements, space is limited to about 70 people. Citizens must be town residents and register for this event to be able to attend. Registration is available via viennava.gov/ondeck. Any remaining seats that are available the evening of the event will go to town residents who have not registered first and then people who live outside of Town. The event will also be streamed live on YouTube.



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



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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.**