



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

December 11, 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 December 5, 2020 – December 10, 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.****

The Vienna Police Department would like to warn citizens that mail has been stolen from the US Post Office collection boxes at the corner of Church St NW and Lawyers Rd NW after being broken into several times this year. The most recent incident occurred overnight from November 22nd to November 23rd. If you used these mailboxes during that time, please ensure that any checks, banknotes, or other important mail reached its intended destination. Mail theft or tampering is investigated by the US Postal Inspection Service and may be reported via their website at <https://www.uspis.gov/report/>. The Vienna Police department cooperates fully with their investigations and forwards all mail theft reports to the Postal Inspection Service. If you see suspicious activity at the mail collection boxes, contact the Vienna Police Department for an immediate response.

To avoid theft, citizens are advised to use the collection mailboxes inside the post office.

INCIDENTS

Grand Larceny 20-008926

500 Block Orchard Street, NW

Between October 1 at 12:00 p.m. and October 8 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that a check she mailed from her mailbox was stolen, forged, and cashed.

Grand Larceny 20-008904

Lawyers Road and Church Street, NW

November 21 12:00 p.m.

A citizen reported that a check he mailed from the mailbox at Church Street and Lawyers Road was stolen, forged, and cashed.

Grand Larceny 20-009007

Whole Foods

143 Maple Avenue, East

November 21 between 2:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

On December 9, a citizen reported that on November 21, her elderly mother's wallet was stolen while she was shopping at Whole Foods. Her credit card was then used to make unauthorized purchases.

Petit Larceny 20-008975

200 Block Lawyers Road, NW

November 22 4:00 p.m.

A resident reported that a gift card she mailed to a relative from the mailbox at Lawyers Road and Church Street was stolen during recent thefts at that mailbox.

Animal Case 20-008958
400 Block Knoll Street, NW
November 25 12:00 p.m.

ACO Barker was notified by the Louisa County Sheriff's Department of a dog bite case that they investigated. The two dogs who were involved were returning to their home in Vienna where they would complete their quarantine. On December 5, ACO Barker spoke to the dogs' owner and found the dogs completed their quarantine with no issues.

Fraud 20-009031
Lawyers Road and Church Street, NW
November 27 12:00 p.m.

A citizen reported that a check he mailed from the mailbox at Church Street and Lawyers Road was stolen, forged, and cashed.

Fraud 20-009030
300 Block Johnson Street, SW
Between November 30 at 1:00 p.m. and December 4 at 1:00 p.m.

An elderly resident received a telephone call from a man claiming to be his grandson, stating he had been arrested in another state and needed his grandfather to send money for him to be released from jail. After the resident sent the initial money, he began receiving several other requests for money regarding the same incident with his grandson, resulting in the resident's loss of several thousand dollars.

Vandalism 20-008932
800 Block Ninovan Road, SE
Between December 3 at 12:00 a.m. and December 5 at 12:00 a.m.

A resident reported that someone egged his vehicle.

Destruction of Property 20-009004
Yeonas Park
1319 Ross Drive, SW
Between December 4 at 2:00 p.m. and December 9 at 1:30 p.m.

Someone damaged the metal door to a shed that belongs to the Vienna Little League.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 20-008918

Maple Avenue and Beulah Road, NE

December 4 6:57 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound in the right lane of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-2 stopped in traffic at the red light. Vehicle-1 struck the rear of Vehicle-2 twice before coming to a complete stop. While the two drivers were attempting to move their vehicles out of traffic and into a parking lot, Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2 a third time. Rescue responded and treated Driver-2 at the scene for non-life-threatening injuries.

Upon the officer's interaction with Driver-1, he detected signs of impairment. Driver-1 refused to perform a series of sobriety tests and was placed under arrest. Ofc. McElhattan transported the 65-year-old man from SW 97th Street in Miami, Florida to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where a technician drew blood for analysis. The man was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Failure to Maintain Proper Control.

Stolen Vehicle 20-008924

1200 Block Cottage Street, SW

Between December 4 at 9:15 p.m. and December 5 at 7:00 a.m.

A resident reported that both of his vehicles were stolen from his home. The vehicles had been left unlocked with the keys inside. With the assistance of the tracking system on one of the vehicles, both vehicles were located later in the day by the Washington DC Metropolitan Police Department.

Suspicious Event 20-008939

Sunoco

102 Maple Avenue, West

December 6 11:27 a.m.

An officer responded to a dispute between an employee and a customer. The customer left the area after being advised he was no longer permitted on the property.

Suspicious Event 20-008949

1100 Moorefield Creek Road, SW

December 6 8:55 p.m.

A resident reported that a relative left the house in a depressed state and that she was concerned for his safety. The resident was provided with information for resources available to the relative.

Arrest - Emotionally Disturbed Person 20-008950

Glen Avenue, SW

December 6 10:32 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of a man destroying his parent's house. Officers observed a broken window in the home, damage throughout the kitchen area, and blood where the man injured himself before fleeing the home. Officers located the man a short time later and rescue personnel responded to assist the man. MPO Smith transported the man to an area facility for a mental health evaluation, and the clinician issued a Temporary Detention Order. The man was then transported to an area hospital for further evaluation.

Suspicious Person 20-008959

Just Tires

352 Maple Avenue, East

December 7 12:33 p.m.

An employee reported a disorderly customer. The customer left the area before officers arrived.

Animal Case 20-008974

900 Block Shady Drive, SE

December 7 3:00 p.m.

A resident was walking her dog along a path when a dog from Shady Drive escaped from its yard and attacked her dog. Her dog was not injured during the incident. The resident was able to notify the dog's owner of the incident and repairs are being made to prevent the dog from escaping the yard again.

Police Service 20-008970

200 Block Locust Street, SE

December 8 6:55 a.m.

Officers responded to a residence and served two Emergency Protective Orders on a man.

Fraud 20-008995

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

December 8 12:00 p.m.

A resident was notified that his personal information was used in an attempt to rent an apartment.

Domestic Dispute 20-008985

Center Street, South

December 8 7:45 p.m.

Officers responded to a domestic dispute between adult siblings. Both accused the other of assault. Neither sibling showed signs of injury. They were both advised of the warrant process should they wish to pursue charges. The brother agreed to stay with another relative for the night.

Fraud 20-009024

Parcel Plus

333 Maple Avenue, East

Between December 9 at 12:00 a.m. and December 10 at 11:33 a.m.

The owner of the company reported that an unauthorized purchase was made on the business's credit card. Investigation revealed the purchase was made in Florida and would need to be investigated in the jurisdiction where it occurred.

Vandalism 20-009032

1000 Block Tapawingo Road, SW

Between December 9 at 7:00 p.m. and December 10 at 7:00 a.m.

A resident reported that someone broke the tail light on her vehicle while it was parked in her driveway.

Civil Dispute 20-009013
100 Block Center Street, South
December 9 7:56 p.m.

A resident reported that she wanted her adult daughter out of her home. The resident was advised that she would need to contact the Sheriff's Department to begin the eviction process.

Assault 20-009016
200 Block Locust Street, SE
December 9 9:20 p.m.

A resident reported that she was injured after being assaulted by her roommate. Officers did not observe any sign of injury. Rescue personnel responded and transported the resident to an area hospital for evaluation. The resident was advised of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges.

CRASHES

300 Block Locust Street, SE 20-008901
December 4 10:54 a.m.

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

300 Block Maple Avenue, West 20-008943
December 6 2:16 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling eastbound in the right lane of Maple Avenue in heavy traffic. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2 causing minor damage to both vehicles.

Tapawingo Road and Nutley Street, SW 20-008981
December 8 5:34 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Nutley Street. Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Tapawingo Road, turning right onto northbound Nutley when it struck Vehicle-2.

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

CASE UPDATES

None

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

On December 10, 2020, Governor Northam issued Executive Order #72, which incorporates earlier Executive Orders Sixty-Three Sixty-Seven that will take effect on Monday, December 14, 2020, at 12:01 a.m. This amended order remains in effect until rescinded or amended by further executive order. Questions, concerns, and complaints of this order's violations should be directed to the VA Department of Health at 1-877-275-8343.

For more information about COVID-19, navigate to <https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus-updates/>
The full text of Executive Order Seventy-Two is available [here](#)



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release Operations Modifications in

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. There 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.**