



## VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

December 18, 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 11, 2020 – December 17, 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](mailto:Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov))

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**\*\*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**

### **Fraud 20-009127**

**Lawyers Road and Church Street, NW**

**November 27 12:00 p.m.**

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

### **Computer Harassment 20-009062**

**200 Block Church Street, NW**

**December 11 9:57 p.m.**

A resident reported that her children's father has been sending harassing emails to her.

### **Animal Case 20-009067**

**500 Block Mashie Drive, SE**

**December 12 12:21 p.m.**

An officer responded to the report of a sick raccoon. He found the animal was in grave condition and euthanized the raccoon.

### **Lost Property 20-009068**

**Petco**

**225 Maple Avenue, East**

**December 12 1:00 p.m.**

A resident reported that she lost her wallet at Petco. The following day, the resident reported that the wallet was later found in the store and nothing was missing from it.

### **Vehicle Tampering 20-009084**

**400 Block Hine Street, SE**

**Between December 12 at 3:30 p.m. and December 13 at 9:30 a.m.**

A resident reported that someone entered her unlocked vehicle and rummaged through it. Nothing appears to have been taken.

**Suspicious Event 20-009078**  
**900 Block Cottage Street, SW**  
**December 13 2:00 a.m.**

A resident reported that a man aggressively knocked on her door, then ran away. A similar incident happened in the 300 block of Tapawingo Road, SW within a short time of this incident, where the resident reported someone was knocking on both the front and back doors.

**Grand Larceny 20-009088**  
**Vienna Dog Park**  
**700 Courthouse Road, SW**  
**December 13 between 3:45 p.m. and 4:34 p.m.**

A resident reported that someone broke a window in her vehicle and stole her purse that was hidden under the seat. *Reference Incident # 20-009086 and #20-009089*

**Grand Larceny 20-009086**  
**Vienna Dog Park**  
**700 Courthouse Road, SW**  
**December 13 between 4:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.**

A citizen reported that while she was in the dog park, someone broke a window in her vehicle and stole items, including her purse. *Reference Incident #20-009088 and #20-009089*

**Vandalism 20-009089**  
**Vienna Dog Park**  
**700 Courthouse Road, SW**  
**December 13 between 4:00 p.m. and 4:34 p.m.**

A resident reported that someone broke a window in his vehicle and rummaged through it. Nothing appeared to have been taken. *Reference Incident #20-009086 and #20-009088*

**Grand Larceny 20-009092**  
**331 Maple Avenue, East**  
**December 13 between 8:00 p.m. and 10:50 p.m.**

A citizen reported that his wallet and cell phone were stolen from his unlocked vehicle that was parked in the alley behind Domino's Pizza.

**Assault 20-009100**  
**Panera**  
**136 Maple Avenue, West**  
**December 14 11:15 a.m.**

A citizen reported that she was trying to take a picture with her phone when a man became irate and slapped the phone out of her hand. The citizen was advised of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges against the man. *Reference Incident #20-009101*

**Arrest – Warrant Service 20-009101**

**Panera**

**136 Maple Avenue, West**

**December 14 12:05 p.m.**

While officers were investigating an assault (*reference Incident #20-0900*) they determined that Arlington County Police had an active warrant for the man involved in the case.

MPO Lose arrested the 51-year-old man with no fixed address. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where the warrant charging Destruction of Property was served on him.

**Police Service 20-009102**

**200 Block Locust Street, SE**

**December 14 1:20 p.m.**

A resident was concerned about statements her son's father made to her. An officer advised the resident of safety measures she can take to help avoid any issues.

**Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 20-009132**

**100 Block Kingsley Road, SW**

**December 15 10:41 p.m.**

Officers responded to the report of a suspicious vehicle. Upon the officers' interaction with the driver, they detected signs of impairment. The driver failed to complete a series of field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest.

Ofc. McElhattan transported the 22-year-old man from Miranda Court in Fairfax, Virginia to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. A sample of his blood was taken by a technician for analysis. The man was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and No Driver's License.

**Assist EMS 20-009138**

**100 Block Moore Avenue, SW**

**December 16 6:45 a.m.**

Officers responded to assist rescue personnel with a man suffering a medical emergency from an overdose of medication. The man was transported to an area hospital for treatment.

## **CRASHES**

### **Nutley Street and Orchard Street, NW 20-009070**

**December 12 3:02 p.m.**

Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound on Orchard Street, stopped at the stop sign for Nutley Street. Vehicle-1 was northbound on Nutley, turning left onto Orchard. As Vehicle-1 made the turn, she crossed into the eastbound lane and struck Vehicle-2.

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

### **Ware Street and Kingsley Road, SW 20-009073**

**December 12 6:40 p.m.**

Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Kingsley Road. Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Ware Street. Both drivers claimed they stopped at the stop sign before the vehicles collided in the intersection.

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

### **Maple Avenue and Mill Street, NE 20-009099**

**December 14 9:36 a.m.**

Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Maple Avenue approaching Mill Street. Vehicle-1 (a Town of Vienna backhoe loader) was stopped at the stop sign, turning right onto Maple Avenue. As Vehicle-1 entered the roadway, they struck Vehicle-2.

### **300 Block Mill Street, NE 20-009113**

**December 15 8:00 a.m.**

Vehicle-2 (a Town of Vienna vehicle) was southbound on Mill Street. Vehicle-1 was attempting to Park in a parking lot area that was icy when they entered Mill Street and struck Vehicle-2 causing minor damage to both vehicles.

## **CASE UPDATES**

None

Please contact **Ruth Rohr** for further information on any of these cases at [Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov](mailto: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](http://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.**