



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

December 23, 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 17, 2020 – December 22, 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

Fraud 20-009199

Lawyers Road, NW / Church Street, NW

Between November 11 7:00 p.m. and December 17 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that a check he dropped off at a USPS mailbox never made it to its intended destination. A few weeks later, the resident noticed that his missing check had actually been stolen, altered, and cashed on his bank account statement.

Vandalism 20-009194

500 Block Creek Crossing Road, NE

December 10 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

A resident reported that someone had spray-painted a garage window.

Police Service 20-009182

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

December 18 between 3:39 p.m. and 3:40 p.m.

A citizen accidentally locked her car keys, inside her vehicle, with her two infant children inside. Attempts to open the vehicle were unsuccessful. The officer on the scene decided to break the passenger side window to gain entry into the vehicle. The infants were unharmed and reunited with their mother.

Grand Larceny 20-009198

500 Block Moorefield Road, SW

December 19 2:00 a.m.

A resident reported that someone hacked into her cell phone provider account and stole her cell phone number and her husband's. Then the unknown person set up fake email accounts, accessed her Venmo and Paypal accounts, and withdrew a large amount of money.

Assault 20-009202

Flagship Carwash

540 Maple Avenue West

December 19 between 9:55 a.m. and 10:10 a.m.

An employee reported an altercation that had taken place between her and a coworker earlier in the day. There is an active investigation of this case.

Suspicious Event 20-009209

North Side Park

600 Mill Street, NE

December 19 between 10:00 a.m. and 10:02 a.m.

A citizen reported that he observed a trail made by some type of machine within the park grounds during his morning walk in North Side Park.

Suspicious Event 20-009204

Giant

359 Maple Avenue East

December 19 between 1:40 p.m. and 1:41 p.m.

A Giant employee requested police assistance with an emotionally disturbed person. After investigating this incident and considering all the prior incidents involving this customer, the Giant representative decided to ban the customer from any future visits to this location.

Domestic Dispute 20-009212

500 Block Beulah Road, NE

December 19 7:53 p.m.

A resident requested assistance with an emotionally disturbed person. Officers arrived on the scene, separated the people involved, and de-escalated the situation. It was determined that the emotionally disturbed person needed medical assistance. The person received the needed medical assistance.

Petit Larceny 20-009223

200 Block Locust Street, SE

December 20 between 3:00 p.m. and 3:03 p.m.

A resident reported that someone stole a prescription medication bottle.

Assault 20-009226

200 Block Locust Street, SE

December 20 between 5:25 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

A resident reported that her roommate struck her in the back of her head while opening a hallway door. Officers advised the resident on how to get warrants if she decided to do so. The resident advised that she is leaving town for the holidays and will get the warrants when she returns.

Arrest - Domestic Assault 20-009239

500 Block Windover Avenue, NW

December 21 4:04 p.m.

A resident requested police assistance with an assault in progress. Officers responded to the residence and separated the parties involved. After interviewing both residents, an arrest was made.

PFC Williams transported the 21-year-old resident to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. A warrant for Assault and Battery of a Family member was obtained. An emergency protective order was also issued and served.

Vehicle Tampering 20-009255

500 Block Mashie Drive, SE

Between December 21 12:00 p.m. and December 22 11:44 a.m.

A resident reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle and rummaged through it. Nothing appeared to be missing at the time of the report.

Domestic Dispute 20-009249

1200 Block Cottage Street, SW

December 21 11:54 p.m.

Police responded to a report of a domestic dispute. After speaking to all the parties involved in the incident, it was determined that no violations of law had taken place. The parties agreed to stay at different residences for the night to avoid further disputes.

Police Service 20-009270

100 Block Center Street South

December 22 6:03 p.m.

A resident contacted the police to request assistance in evicting a family member. Officers explained the required process to evict the family member legally.

CRASHES

225 Maple Avenue East 20-009266

December 22 2:19 p.m.

Vehicle # 2 and Vehicle # 1 were traveling Eastbound on Maple Avenue East. Vehicle # 2 stopped in front of 225 Maple Avenue East due to a vehicle turning into the Wells Fargo bank. Vehicle #2 stopped for the vehicle turning into Wells Fargo Bank that was not entirely in the turning lane. Vehicle # 1 ran into the rear end of Vehicle #2.

The driver of Vehicle #1 was issued a summons for failing 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.**