



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

December 4, 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 November 25, 2020 – December 3, 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 20-008766

200 Block Lovers Lane, NW

Between January 1, 2018 at 12:00 a.m. and November 25, 2020 at 2:09 p.m.

A resident reported that in 2018, he was notified by a bank that a fraudulent account was opened by an unknown person using his personal information. He resolved the issue with the bank's security department at that time. He is now receiving notices from a collection agency regarding the fraudulent activity on the account.

Fraud 20-008821

200 Block Cherry Street, SW

Between September 1 at 12:00 p.m. and November 23 at 12:00 p.m.

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

Suspicious Event 20-008843

400 Block Orchard Street, NW

Between November 3 at 12:00 p.m. and November 10 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that a check she was supposed to receive in the mail never arrived. The resident was advised to contact the US Postal Service to file a report.

Fraud 20-008827

500 Block Gibson Drive, SW

Between November 6 at 12:00 pm. and November 23 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident contracted a company to paint a home that he owns in North Carolina. The resident received an email requesting payment for the work from someone stating that he worked for the painting company. The resident wired the payment, believing it was going to the company performing the work, but the company never received the payment. The contractor, the resident was working with, did not know the person who sent the email.

Fraud 20-008874

600 Block Alma Street, SE

Between November 22 at 3:00 a.m. and November 23 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Police Service 20-008763

900 Block Westwood Drive, NE

November 25 11:45 a.m.

A resident turned in a BB gun for destruction.

Arrest - Emotionally Disturbed Person and Emergency Custody Order 20-008771

Moore Avenue, SW

November 25 7:33 p.m.

Ofc. McElhattan served an Emergency Custody Order on a resident. The resident was transported to an area hospital for evaluation and treatment. During the transport and medical evaluation the man exhibited violent and erratic behavior toward the officer and medical staff. A Temporary Detention Order was issued and a Fairfax County Officer took custody of the man at the hospital.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 20-008777

Owaissa Road, SE

November 26 10:59 a.m.

Officers responded to assist mental health personnel with a resident. The resident refused to exit his home to speak to anyone.

Domestic Assault 20-008778

Nutley Street, NW

November 26 11:41 a.m.

A resident reported that her two adult grandsons were fighting in her home. One of the men left the house before officers arrived. The resident reported her concerns about the grandson who resides with her. Officers provided the resident with resources available to assist her grandson. *Reference Incident #20-008779.*

Grand Larceny 20-008783

400 Block Holmes Drive, NW

November 26 between 1:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

A citizen reported that someone entered her vehicle and stole several items from a purse, including an iPhone, a wallet, US currency, gift cards, and various identification and debit cards. The citizen believes her vehicle was locked, however, there were no signs of forced entry.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 20-008779

Nutley Street, NW

November 26 6:17 p.m.

PFC Gucwa transported a resident to an area medical facility for assessment. After the assessment, the man was released by medical staff and the officer transported him back to his home. *Reference Incident #20-008778.*

Shoplifting 20-008791

Giant Food

359 Maple Avenue, East

November 27 2:14 p.m.

An employee reported that a man left the store with alcohol that he did not pay for.

Petit Larceny 20-008799

1000 Block Ware Street, SW

Between November 27 at 9:00 p.m. and November 28 at 10:21 a.m.

A resident reported that someone stole his wallet from his unlocked vehicle

Arrest – Drunk In Public 20-008795

Wawa

465 Maple Avenue, West

November 27 9:10 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a man acting erratically. Rescue personnel responded and attempted to assess the man who refused treatment and attempted to flee. PFC Gucwa arrested the 33-year-old man from Meadow View Lane in Mineral, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Drunk In Public.

Grand Larceny 20-008796

600 Block Blackstone Terrace, NW

November 27 10:40 p.m.

A resident reported that she returned home and unloaded her vehicle. She returned to the unlocked vehicle fifteen minutes later and found that someone had stolen her purse and iPhone.

Grand Larceny 20-008803

500 Block Malcolm Road, NW

November 28 between 5:00 .m. and 10:30 p.m.

A citizen reported that he parked his vehicle in the driveway while he visited his parents. When he returned to the vehicle, he found his wallet was stolen. The citizen is not sure if his vehicle was locked.

Telephone Case 20-008807

600 Block Orrin Street, SE

November 29 between 7:00 a.m. and 11:04 a.m.

A resident reported that she received several telephone calls from an unknown man who was threatening her. She believes this was the same man who has called her home periodically over the last few months.

Animal Case 20-008809
400 Block Holloway Court, NE
November 29 12:06 p.m.

An officer responded to the area for an on-going complaint of a barking dog. ACO Barker is following up with the dog owner.

Suspicious Event 20-008812
200 Block Locust Street, SE
November 29 7:50 p.m.

A resident reported a dispute she was having with her roommate over a bowl.

Animal Case 20-008819
Dunkin Donuts
314 Maple Avenue, West
November 30 10:00 a.m.

A citizen found a dog running at large near the Dunkin Donuts and brought it to the police station. Attempts to locate an owner were unsuccessful and the dog was transported to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

Vandalism 20-008840
1100 Block Cottage Street, SW
Between November 30 at 8:00 p.m. and December 1 at 8:00 p.m.

A resident reported that someone knocked the wreath off of his front door and pulled the holiday lights off the bushes in his yard.

Grand Larceny 20-008854
2400 Oak Vale Court, NW
Between November 30 at 9:00 p.m. and December 1 at 4:30 p.m.

A resident placed outgoing mail in her mailbox that included three checks that she was sending to various creditors with her bills. The next day she observed shredded paper in the gutter that she recognized as the remnants of the envelopes she had placed in the mailbox.

Police Service 20-008846
500 Block Kingsley Road, SW
December 1 11:00 p.m.

A resident reported that his ex-wife lost his iPad in California. He is now seeing activity on his iPad account.

Animal Case 20-008849
1000 Echols Street, SE
December 1 12:00 p.m.

A citizen requested a welfare check on a dog that was barking all day. The Animal Control Officer checked the area a few times, but never observed any violations. He spoke to the dog's owner to advise her of the complaint and requested she bring the dog inside when he begins to bark.

Suspicious Event 20-008855
200 Block Locust Street, SE
December 1 8:55 p.m.

A resident reported that they saw a man carrying a handgun walk into an apartment. They believed they then heard shots fired in the apartment. Officers checked the area and spoke to several residents, however, no one else had seen or heard anything suspicious.

Grand Larceny 20-008893
500 Block Ayr Hill Avenue, NE
Between December 2 at 7:30 p.m. and December 3 at 12:50 p.m.

A resident reported their bicycle was stolen from their garage.

Animal Case – Quarantine 20-008895
1100 Block Pekay Street, SW
December 3 12:00 p.m.

A delivery person who was dropping off a package was bitten by a dog that lives at the residence, causing a minor laceration. The dog's owner was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

Suspicious Event 20-008896
200 Block Church Street, NE
December 3 5:46 p.m.

A resident reported that two women came to her door selling magazines to donate to a local homeless shelter. The resident provided the women with a check as a donation. After the women left, the resident researched the charity and believed the women were part of a scam. The resident canceled her check before it was cashed.

CRASHES

544 Maple Avenue, West 20-008661

November 20 9:01 p.m.

Vehicle-1 backed out of a parking space and struck the bumper of Vehicle-2. Driver-1 fled the area without providing their information.

Maple Avenue near East Street, NE 20-008762

November 25 11:20 a.m.

Two vehicles were traveling in the left westbound lane of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-2 stopped in traffic. Vehicle-1 struck the rear of Vehicle-2.

131 Church Street, NW 20-008773

November 26 8:30 p.m.

Driver-1 was attempting to back into a driveway on Church Street when she struck a green pole and knocked it over.

300 Block Maple Avenue, NE 20-008793

November 27 6:14 p.m.

Vehicle-1 (a moped) was traveling westbound on Maple Avenue. The vehicle in front of Vehicle-1 stopped and Driver-1 attempted to stop quickly, causing him to lose control and fall of the moped. Driver-1 was transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Maple Avenue and East Street, SE 20-008878

December 2 3:40 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling in the right eastbound lane of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on East Street, SE, turning left onto westbound Maple Avenue. Driver-1 went through the red traffic light and struck Vehicle-2.

Lawyers Road and Malcolm Road, NW 20-008879

December 2 3:42 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling northbound on Lawyers Road. Vehicle-2 was on Malcolm Road, turning left onto northbound Lawyers Road. The two vehicles collided in the intersection.

CASE UPDATES

None

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



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Donate NEW unwrapped toys, games, books, and gifts to be distributed to children at Fairfax Hospital, Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center, and to the children in the community who might not otherwise have a cheerful holiday season!

THIS YEAR MORE THAN EVER, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please bring your items to any Fairfax County Police Station, any of the above schools, the Lobby of the Pennino and Herrity Office Buildings, or the Government Center, no later than

9:00 a.m. on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020

On November 16, 2020, Governor Northam amended Executive Order #67 that went into effect on the same day. This amended order remains in effect until rescinded or amended by further executive order. Questions, concerns, and complaints of violations of this order, should be directed to the VA Department of Health at 1-877-275-8343.

[Amended Executive Order #67 Effective 11/16/2020](#)

For more information, navigate to <https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus-updates/>



**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.**