



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

January 17, 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 January 10, 2020 – January 16, 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)

INCIDENTS

Lost Property 20-000464

900 Block Frederick Street, SW

Between July 1, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. and December 30, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that they lost their passport.

Suspicious Event 20-000427

400 Block Kingsley Road, SW

Between August 1, 2019 at 8:21 p.m. and January 13 at 8:21 p.m.

A tenant reported ongoing issues with her landlord. The landlord advised it is the tenant that is causing the problems.

Missing Person 20-000370

200 Block Park Terrace Court, SE

December 15 at 11:59 p.m.

On January 11, a citizen reported that were concerned about their relative who had not been heard from since December 15. The resident was listed as a missing person and a lookout was sent to surrounding jurisdictions. The following day, it was determined that the resident was in the custody of the Loudoun County Sheriff’s Department.

Fraud 20-0332
Burke & Herbert Bank
302 Maple Avenue, West
December 23 3:00 p.m.

On January 10, a resident reported a fraud that happened on December 23. The resident advised that his wife went to the Burke & Herbert Bank to pay their mortgage. She gave the mortgage check to a female at the bank. The resident was later informed that the payment was never received. An employee at the bank found the check had been cashed in another state and was made payable to an individual, instead of the mortgage company.

Fraud 20-000362
1200 Block Ware Street, SW
Between January 8 at 12:01 a.m. and January 10 at 12:01 a.m.

A resident reported that an unknown person used her personal information to open a PayPal account and unsuccessfully attempted to open another line of credit.

Suspicious Event 20-000395
400 Block MacArthur Avenue, NE
Between January 8 at 6:18 p.m. and January 12 at 6:18 p.m.

A resident advised that on two separate occasions, people have arrived at his residence to collect a puppy they have purchased. The resident is concerned that scammers may be using his address while defrauding people.

Animal Case 20-000322
900 Block Hillcrest Drive, SW
January 10 9:28 a.m.

A resident reported a sick fox that was in her yard. Ofc. Gucwa found the fox in grave condition and euthanized the animal.

Robbery 20-000329
Cunningham Park Elementary School
1002 Park Street, SE
January 10 between 2:50 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

A citizen flagged down an officer and reported that there was a child in front of the school crying, and stating that his cell phone had just been stolen. The child and his friend were last seen going into the elementary school. Ofc. Gucwa located the two boys in the school with the school's staff. The boys advised they are students at Thoreau Middle School. One of the boys stated that a group of students at Thoreau has been bothering him for several months. As he and his friend were walking home from school, the same group of students approached him. During the incident, one of the juveniles in the group slapped the boy and the group ran off. The boy then realized his cell phone had been taken. The boy was not injured during the incident.

Found Property 20-000340
Dairy Queen
304 Maple Avenue, West
January 10 9:33 p.m.

A citizen turned in a wallet that she found in the parking lot.

Alcohol Violation 20-000342
100 Block Tapawingo Road, SE
January 10 11:16 p.m.

Officers responding to a noise complaint found several people, including juveniles, in an abandoned house. The officers identified all of the individuals. Four of the juveniles were in possession of alcohol. One of them was also in possession of tobacco and provided officers with false identification. The four juveniles were transported to the Vienna Police Station where they were verbally counseled and released to their parents. The homeowner was notified and advised of the warrant process should he wish to pursue charges.

Suspicious Event 20-000366
1000 Block Moore Place, SW
January 11 11:45 a.m.

A resident received a suspicious package in the mail from a foreign country. She brought the package to the Vienna Police Station. Officers inspected the package and notified the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Hazmat Unit. The Hazmat units determined the package may contain hazardous material and notified the FBI for further assistance. Units from the FBI examined the package and determined the package contained glue manufactured in the country it was shipped from. They advised that the product was not hazardous and there was no threat of harm.

Vandalism 20-000423
Branch Road Tot Lot
Branch Road and Locust Street, SE
Between January 12 at 10:00 p.m. and January 13 at 4:36 p.m.

An unknown person spray-painted the playground equipment at the Tot Lot.

Suspicious Event 20-000405
400 Block Marshall Road, SW
January 13 between 11:00 a.m. and 11:50 a.m.

A resident received a suspicious phone call from an unknown person claiming to be a Social Security Agent. After providing the caller with some of his personal information he feared the call may be a scam. The resident was advised to notify the credit monitoring companies.

Destruction of Property 20-000418
Giant Food
359 Maple Avenue, East
January 13 11:45 a.m.

A citizen advised he was getting into his vehicle in the parking lot when a man in the van next to him yelled at him to get his car door off of his van. The citizen did not see any damage, got into his vehicle and yelled back at the man. The man forcefully opened his van door, slamming it into the citizen's vehicle and causing damage, then drove off.

Vandalism 20-000406
Ledo's Pizza
141 Park Street, SE
January 13 12:16 p.m.

A contractor working on the brick wall behind the restaurant reported vandalism to the wall.

Police Service 20-000428
Vienna Police Station
215 Center Street, South
January 13 8:27 p.m.

A citizen drove her adult son to the police station advising that she was concerned for his mental health. Officers spoke to the man and determined that he did not need immediate assistance. The man reported that he would be seeing his doctor the following morning.

Suspicious Event 20-000465 and 20-000504
900 Block Fairway, NE
January 14 2:00 a.m.

Two residents reported that their home security systems showed suspicious men trying to gain entry into their parked vehicles. In both cases, the vehicles were secured and no entry was gained.

Found Property 20-000473
Vienna Police Station
215 Center Street, South
January 15 6:00 a.m.

An officer found a citizen's debit card in one of the cruisers.

CRASHES

100 Block Maple Avenue, West 20-000337
January 10 8:54 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Maple Avenue in the left turn lane for Courthouse Road. Vehicle-1 was exiting the parking lot of 136 Maple Avenue to turn left into the westbound lanes when the vehicles collided.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Yield Right of Way.

Nutley Street and Orchard Street, NW 20-000374
January 11 6:26 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Orchard Street. Vehicle-1 was traveling southbound on Nutley Street. As Vehicle-2 entered the intersection he was struck by Vehicle-1.

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

Maple Avenue and Park Street, SE 20-000503
January 15 2:50 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue in the same lane of traffic, approaching Park Street. Vehicle-1 stopped abruptly and began backing up, striking Vehicle-2.

500 Block Nutley Street, South 20-000510
January 15 6:27 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Nutley Street and stopped in traffic. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of 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.

MEDIA RELEASES



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 which 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.**