



# VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

July 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 July 10, 2020 – July 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](mailto:Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov))

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## **INCIDENTS**

**Grand Larceny 20-005446**

**400 Block Roland Street, SW**

**June 23 between 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m.**

A resident reported that someone stole a check she wrote to a utility company, changed the amount and payee information, then fraudulently cashed the check.

**Fraud 20-005442**

**Capital Building Supply**

**531 Mill Street, NE**

**Between July 8 at 4:50 p.m. and July 13 at 12:00 p.m.**

An employee reported that over the past several months, someone has been using fraudulent credit cards to make purchases from their business.

**Suspicious Event 20-005379**

**400 Block Center Street, South**

**Between July 9 at 11:00 p.m. and July 10 at 7:00 a.m.**

A resident reported that someone used ketchup to write a racial slur on a piece of plywood and placed it against a dumpster located in front of a house they are renovating.

**Civil Dispute 20-005488**  
**200 Block Glyndon Street, SE**  
**July 11 12:00 p.m.**

A resident reported that her ex-husband forged her signature on various medical forms. The ex-husband advised he filled out his wife's name on computer forms that were not implicating financial responsibility and he did not believe it was considered her signature. Both parties were advised the matter was a civil issue.

**Suspicious Event 20-005406**  
**400 Block MacArthur Avenue, NE**  
**July 11 2:31 p.m.**

A citizen reported that he wired money from his bank account to an individual to purchase a puppy. The citizen drove from his home in North Carolina to the residence in Vienna when he found the transaction was a fraud. The resident at this address has had ongoing issues with someone using their home address to defraud others. The North Carolina resident was advised to report the fraud to his local police department. *Reference Incident #2020-005483.*

**Illegal Dumping 20-005484**  
**Green Hedges School**  
**415 Windover Avenue, NW**  
**Between July 12 at 5:00 a.m. and July 13 at 5:00 a.m.**

An employee reported that someone used their dumpster to dispose of drywall and cabinets.

**Assault 20-005431**  
**200 Block Locust Street, SE**  
**July 12 12:35 p.m.**

A resident reported that she was assaulted by her roommate. Officers did not observe any visible injury and advised the resident of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges.

**Assault 20-005434**  
**200 Block Locust Street, SE**  
**July 12 5:52 p.m.**

A resident reported that she was assaulted by her roommate. Officers did not observe any visible injury and advised the resident of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges. The resident also stated that the roommate purposely broke the thermostat. Officers spoke to the roommate who denied the assault. When asked about the thermostat, the roommate retrieved the batteries and reinstalled them to turn the air conditioning back on.

**Lost Property 20-005450**  
**200 Block Locust Street, SE**  
**July 13 between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**

A resident reported that she lost her wallet. She further advised that she believes her roommate may have stolen it.

**Assault 20-005448**

**200 Block Locust Street, SE**

**July 13 12:59 p.m.**

A resident reported that she was assaulted by her roommate. Rescue personnel responded to assess the resident and determined that she did not need treatment. The roommate claimed that the resident assaulted her. The resident also stated that the roommate took her keys. Officers found the keys in the roommate's bedroom. Both parties were advised of the warrant process should they wish to pursue charges.

**Open Door 20-005449**

**Sushi Yama**

**328 Maple Avenue, West**

**July 13 12:50 p.m.**

Officers responding to the report of an alarm found an open door at the restaurant. The restaurant was searched and nothing appeared out of place. A citizen advised one of the officers that they had set the alarm off accidentally, thinking the business was open. An employee responded and secured the door.

**Civil Dispute 20-005457**

**Sprint**

**256 Maple Avenue, East**

**July 13 4:17 p.m.**

A citizen reported that he opened an account under his name for another person a year ago. The citizen now wanted the other person removed from his account. The parties were able to reach an agreement with Sprint and were advised of the civil steps they would need to follow if there were future issues.

**Vehicle Tampering 20-005502**

**900 Block Hillcrest Drive, SW**

**Between July 13 at 6:30 p.m. and July 14 at 1:00 p.m.**

A resident reported that someone rummaged through their unlocked vehicle.

**Vehicle Tampering 20-005482**

**1200 Block Cottage Street, SW**

**Between July 13 at 8:00 p.m. and July 14 at 8:15 a.m.**

A resident reported that someone rummaged through their unlocked vehicle.

**Vehicle Tampering 20-005479**

**900 Block Hillcrest Drive, SW**

**Between May 13 at 10:00 p.m. and July 14 at 8:00 a.m.**

A resident reported that someone rummaged through two of their unlocked vehicles.

**Petit Larceny 20-005485**

**900 Block Hillcrest Drive, SW**

**Between July 13 at 10:00 p.m. and July 14 at 8:00 a.m.**

An officer observed a box containing a lockset. The officer notified the owner, who resides across the street from where the box was found. The owner reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle, rummaged through it, and took the lockset. The property was returned to the owner.

**Vehicle Tampering 20-005494**

**500 Block Echols Street, SE**

**Between July 13 at 10:00 p.m. and July 14 at 10:00 a.m.**

A resident reported that someone entered their two unlocked vehicles and rummaged through them. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

**Stolen Vehicle 20-005473**

**400 Block Tapawingo Road, SW**

**Between July 13 at 11:00 p.m. and July 14 at 6:00 a.m.**

The residents reported that three vehicles stolen from their home. The vehicles were all left unlocked. The keys to two of the vehicles were left in one of them. A spare set of keys may have been left in the third vehicle.

**Stolen Vehicle 20-005477**

**100 Block Dogwood Street, SW**

**July 14 3:06 a.m.**

A resident reported their vehicle was stolen. The vehicle was parked unlocked with the keys inside. The residence security camera showed a man enter the passenger side of the vehicle and drive away with it. The vehicle was located by the DC Metropolitan Police Department the following day.

**Suspicious Event 20-005470**

**600 Block Yeonas Drive, SW**

**July 14 3:09 a.m.**

A resident reported a group of juveniles in the area. An officer found several large pieces of wood in the roadway where the juveniles placed them. At one residence, the juveniles placed trashcans on top of vehicles. Officers searched the area but did not locate the juveniles. There did not appear to be any damage to any property. *Related to Incident #20-005490.*

**Vehicle Tampering 20-005472**

**100 Block Moore Avenue, SW**

**July 14 4:30 a.m.**

An officer who was searching the area for a person who was trying to enter parked vehicles located a vehicle with the door ajar. The officer contacted the owner who reported that someone entered the console and stole loose change.

**Suspicious Event 20-005483**

**400 Block MacArthur Avenue, NE**

**July 14 8:52 a.m.**

A resident reported that a woman arrived at his home for a puppy she was trying to purchase through the internet. The woman reported that she drove from Ohio to make the purchase, but had not given any money over the internet to the person. *Reference Incident #20-005406.*

**Found Property 20-005489**

**100 Block Oak Street, SW**

**July 14 10:15 a.m.**

A resident found a bag containing clothing on the road in front of her residence.

**Suspicious Event 20-005490**  
**600 Block Yeonas Drive, SW**  
**July 14 10:30 a.m.**

A resident reported that someone took down his fence. No damage was observed. *Related to Incident #20-5470.*

**Civil Dispute 20-005497**  
**200 Block Locust Street, SE**  
**July 14 2:55 p.m.**

Officers responded to the report of an open 911 line at a residence. The officers found two roommates were arguing over a civil matter.

**Disorderly Person 20-005501**  
**Wolftrap Hotel**  
**430 Maple Avenue, West**  
**July 14 7:33 p.m.**

An employee reported a man staying at the hotel became verbally aggressive with him. Officers located the man in the area. The man was allowed to return to the hotel room to retrieve his property and was then trespassed from the hotel.

**Assault 20-005504**  
**200 Block Locust Street, SE**  
**July 14 8:51 p.m.**

A resident reported that she and her roommate were arguing over a drying rack when the roommate punched her. Officers advised the resident of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges.

**Arrest – Drunk In Public 20-005532**  
**200 Block Pleasant Street, SW**  
**July 15 6:25 p.m.**

Officers responded to the report of an intoxicated woman in the area. Upon the officer's interaction with the woman, they detected signs of impairment.

MPO Shaw arrested the 56-year-old woman from Hillcrest Drive, SW, in Vienna. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Drunk In Public.

**Arrest – Assault, Obstruction of Justice, Assault on Police Officer, Indecent Exposure 20-005535**  
**7-11**  
**537 Maple Avenue, West**  
**July 15 10:06 p.m.**

An employee reported that he was assaulted by a customer who spat on him. Officers located the man in the area of Nutley Street and Roland Street, SW. As Ofc. Murray was placing the man under arrest; the man became combative. Other officers assisted as the man continued to resist arrest aggressively. As MPO Borja was transporting the man to the magistrate's office, he exposed his penis to the officer. Once at the magistrate's office, the man remained combative and aggressive with the deputies.

Ofc. Murray obtained four warrants and served them on the 32-year-old man with no fixed address. The man was charged with Assault, Obstruction of Justice, Assault on a Police Officer, and Indecent Exposure.

**Police Service 20-005536**  
**200 Block Cedar Lane, SE**  
**July 15 11:09 p.m.**

Officers responded to an apartment for the report of a 911 hang up. They located an elderly resident who was not aware he had activated his emergency device. Rescue personnel also responded to assess the man.

**Police Service 20-005541**  
**Vienna Town Hall**  
**127 Center Street, South**  
**July 16 10:16 a.m.**

The Director of Information Technology reported that some of the Town employees were receiving messages in their Town email accounts from an unknown person claiming to be the Mayor, requesting gift cards.

**Vandalism 20-005571**  
**200 Block Locust Street, SE**  
**July 16 9:50 p.m.**

A resident reported that her ex-boyfriend broke the sliding glass door of the apartment. The man fled the area before officers arrived.

## **CRASHES**

**100 Block Branch Road, SE 20-005410**  
**July 10 8:00 p.m.**

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in a parking lot when it was sideswiped by Vehicle-1. Driver-1 fled the scene without providing their information.

**100 Block Church Street, NW 20-005495**  
**July 14 1:00 p.m.**

Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Church Street. Vehicle-1 was exiting a parking lot to turn left onto Church Street when she collided with Vehicle-1.

## **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.

**VIRGINIA ENTERS PHASE THREE OF GOV. RALPH NORTHAM'S FORWARD VIRGINIA**

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

# **MEDIA RELEASES**



## **Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release**

### **Operations Modifications in Response to COVID-19**

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. These 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.**