



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

July 2, 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 June 26, 2020 – July 1, 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

Suspicious Event 20-005137

BWT Tire & Auto

303 Mill Street, NE

Between February 20 12:00 p.m. and June 29 at 4:45 p.m.

The business has been receiving several suspicious calls over the past months from people claiming that their accounts have been charged for services they never received. The owner believes that someone is using his business information online to defraud people through a payment application.

Animal Case 20-005077

Kingsley Road and DeSale Street, SW

June 27 8:03 a.m.

A citizen reported a sick raccoon in the area of the tennis courts at the Vienna Woods Swim Club. An officer found the animal was in grave condition and euthanized the animal.

Domestic Assault 20-005081

100 Block Maple Avenue, West

June 27 12:01 p.m.

A citizen reported that she and her husband were arguing while they were driving on Maple Avenue. The argument escalated when her husband pulled her hair, and the woman jumped from the vehicle and ran across Maple Avenue. The husband reported that as his wife was jumping from the moving vehicle, he attempted to grab her to prevent her from jumping out. The citizen was advised of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges. Both parties agreed to work the matter out between themselves.

Juvenile Case 20-005086
Marshall Road Elementary School
730 Marshall Road, SW
June 27 3:09 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of juveniles on the roof of the school. When the four juveniles refused to come down from the roof, School Security and Ofc. Gucwa accessed the roof to assist the juveniles down. The juveniles were counseled about trespassing on school property and released to the custody of their parents.

Animal Case 20-005143
400 Block Old Courthouse Road, NE
June 29 8:00 a.m.

A citizen reported that a resident's dogs were continuously getting out of their yard. ACO Barker spoke to the owner, who determined the dogs were getting out through a hole under a fence. Corrective measures were being taken to secure the dogs in the yard.

Animal Case 20-005127
100 Moore Avenue, SW
June 29 11:15 a.m.

A citizen reported a sick raccoon in the area. ACO Barker found the animal was in grave condition and euthanized the animal.

Assault 20-005131
Vienna Community Center
120 Cherry Street, SE
June 29 1:40 p.m.

A woman was walking on the W&OD Bike Trail near the community center when a man on a bicycle stuck her on her buttocks with his hand as he rode by. The man then continued on the trail and struck a juvenile on her buttocks with his hand while she was riding her bike. The man fled the area southbound on the trail. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate the man.

Police Service 20-005135
500 Block East Creek Court, NE
June 29 4:00 p.m.

A resident reported that she advertised a bed for sale on Craig's List. A person, claiming an interest in making the purchase, sent the resident a cashier's check for a significant amount more than the selling price. The person advised the resident to keep the amount of the purchase and give the remainder of the money to the person who they sent to pick up the bed. The resident recognized the request to be an attempted fraud and returned the check.

Vehicle Tampering 20-005144
200 Block Locust Street, SE
Between June 29 at 6:00 p.m. and June 30 at 9:45 a.m.

A resident reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle and rummaged through it.

Assault 20-005150
W&OD Bike Trail near 800 Block Follin Lane, SE
June 29 8:00 p.m.

On June 30, a resident reported that the previous night she was walking on the bike trail when an unknown man approached her on a bicycle and struck her on her buttock with his hand. The man fled the area northbound on the trail.

Vehicle Tampering 20-005148

500 Spring Street, SE

Between June 29 at 8:00 p.m. and June 30 at 11:00 a.m.

A resident reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle, rummaged through it, and took a remote garage door opener.

Vehicle Tampering 20-005151

400 Block Creek Crossing Road, NE

Between June 29 at 8:00 p.m. and June 30 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that someone rummaged through her unlocked vehicle.

Vehicle Tampering 20-005160

100 Block Battle Street, SW

Between June 29 at 11:00 p.m. and June 30 at 9:30 a.m.

A resident reported that someone entered their unlocked vehicle, rummaged through it, and took a power inverter.

Arrest – Narcotics Violation 20-005147

100 Block Glyndon Street, SE

June 30 10:49 a.m.

MPO Lose observed a traffic violation and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, he detected the odor of marijuana and found the driver had a measurable amount of the drug.

MPO Lose issued a summons to the 37-year-old woman from Nigel Court in Vienna and released her on her signature.

Found Property 20-005153

Vienna Police Station

215 Center Street, South

June 30 2:34 p.m.

A citizen found a wallet in the area of the Townes of Moorefield and brought it to the police station.

Civil Dispute 20-005155

300 Block Glyndon Lane, SE

June 30 4:22 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a civil matter between a resident and her mother-in-law. The parties were advised of the civil process they should follow.

CRASHES

400 Block Maple Avenue, East 20-004968

June 22 12:11 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was eastbound on Maple Avenue. Driver-2 was sitting in the center turn lane to allow an emergency vehicle to pass. Vehicle-1 was exiting the parking lot of 421 Maple Avenue to turn left onto westbound Maple when she struck Vehicle-1.

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

116 Branch Road, SE 20-005080

June 27 11:02 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was attempting to park in the parking lot when the driver accidentally pressed the accelerator, sideswiped Vehicle-2, then struck two support columns in the shopping center.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Reckless Driving.

802 Cottage Street, SW 20-005114

June 28 8:00 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped on the side of the road, making a delivery. Vehicle-1, a bicycle, ran into the rear of Vehicle-2, causing the bicyclist to fall off the bike. The bicyclist left the scene before officers arrived.

436 Maple Avenue, East 20-005152

June 30 12:51 p.m.

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

CASE UPDATES

Unlawful Entry 20-003261

300 Block Park Street, NE

April 10 7:34 p.m.

On June 26 at 4:20 p.m., MPO Finelli served a misdemeanor warrant in this case. The 22-year-old woman from Augusta Drive in Houston, Texas, was charged with Entering Property With Intent to Cause Damage and released on her signature.

Please contact **Ruth Rohr** for further information on any of these cases at
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 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.**