



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

July 31, 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 24, 2020 – July 30, 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.****

INCIDENTS

Petit Larceny 20-005834

400 Block Talahi Road, SE

Between July 22 at 5:30 p.m. and July 23 at 1:30 p.m.

A resident reported that someone rummaged through her unlocked vehicle and stole a plastic sleeve containing her vehicle registration and other documents.

Vehicle Tampering 20-005892
300 Block Orchard Street, NW
Between July 22 at 7:00 p.m. and July 23 at 8:00 a.m.

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

Grand Larceny 20-005828
700 Block Talahi Court, SE
July 23 between 12:30 a.m. and 9:43 a.m.

A resident reported that someone rummaged through her unlocked vehicle and stole credit cards, loose change, and a folder.

Found Property 20-005825
100 Block Tapawingo Road, SE
July 23 6:46 a.m.

A citizen found a tote bag containing miscellaneous games and toys.

Petit Larceny 20-005869
100 Block Tapawingo Road, SE
Between July 23 at 12:00 p.m. and July 24 at 9:00 a.m.

A resident reported that an unknown person rummaged through three of their vehicles. US currency and an umbrella were stolen from one of the vehicles.

Suspicious Event 20-005851
600 Block Yeonas Drive, SW
July 24 3:06 a.m.

A resident heard someone outside his house and observed two men looking into his vehicle. When the men began walking toward his wife's vehicle, the resident turned the porch light on and the men fled toward Ware Street. Officers searched the area but did not locate the men.

Police Service 20-005861
600 Block Ninovan Road, SE
July 24 11:35 a.m.

A resident reported that a tree service company working on her neighbor's yard drove over a storm drain, crushing the concrete. The truck then drove through the resident's flowerbed. The company was sending a crew to make repairs to the flowerbed and were advised that the Department of Public Works will follow up on the damages to the storm drain.

Police Service 20-005873
Vienna Police Station
215 Center Street, South
July 24 4:55 p.m.

A resident came to the police station advising an officer that he believed he violated his probation and requested that he be arrested and taken to jail. There were no active warrants for the man and attempts to contact his probation officers were unsuccessful. The officer offered the man other social services, however, he refused.

Petit Larceny 20-005894
Giant Food
359 Maple Avenue, East
July 24 5:50 p.m.

On July 25, an employee reported that a man stole several bottles of champagne the previous evening.

Burglary 20-005888

Tysons Eyebrows

167 Maple Avenue, East, Suite A

Between July 24 at 6:15 p.m. and July 25 at 8:45 a.m.

An unknown person smashed the front glass door of the business and stole the cash drawer from the sale counter.

Suspicious Event 20-005909

Viet Aroma

165 Glyndon Street, SE

July 25 11:05 a.m.

An employee reported a dispute with a customer.

Juvenile Case 20-005941

Glyndon Street, SE

July 26 3:52 p.m.

A resident reported issues she is having with her juvenile daughter.

Animal Case 20-005942

900 Block Hillcrest Drive, SW

July 26 6:46 p.m.

A resident reported that a stray dog was in her backyard. After attempts to locate the dog's owner were unsuccessful, the dog was transported to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

Police Service 20-5943

INOVA Urgent Care

180 Maple Avenue, West

July 26 7:43 p.m.

An employee requested assistance with a patient who was having mental health issues. An officer transported the patient to a mental health facility where the staff evaluated her and offered the woman some of their services. The woman refused further treatment and agreed to consult with her physician. The officer transported the woman to her home in Herndon.

Vandalism 20-005969

1100 Block Pekay Street, SW

Between July 26 at 10:00 p.m. and July 27 at 4:00 p.m.

A resident reported that someone drove through her yard and her neighbor's yard causing damage.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated and Accident 20-005950

400 Block Maple Avenue, East

July 27 4:55 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue, crossing into the center turn lane. A westbound vehicle also crossed into the center turn lane, causing Driver-1 to swerve into the oncoming traffic lanes, strike the curb, a light pole and several bushes.

MPO Shaw located Driver-1, a 17-year-old female, in the parking lot with a male juvenile. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, he detected signs of impairment. The driver failed a series of field sobriety tests and was transported to the Vienna Police Station where she provided a sample of her breath for analysis. The juvenile's father responded to the police station and took custody of his daughter after she was released on a summons charging Driving While Intoxicated. (*Reference 20-005951*)

Arrest – Drunk In Public 20-005951

400 Block Maple Avenue, East

July 27 4:55 a.m.

During the accident investigation in Incident #20-005950, Ofc. Murray spoke to the male juvenile who was with the female driver. The juvenile stated he was walking home when he observed the accident and stopped to help the driver who was a friend of his. Upon the officer's interaction with the juvenile, they detected signs of impairment. The juvenile's mother was notified and responded. The juvenile was released to his mother on a summons charging Drunk In Public.

Fraud 20-005967

200 Block Owaissa Court, SE

July 27 1:00 p.m.

A resident reported that someone used his credit card account to make an unauthorized purchase.

Petit Larceny 20-006009

900 Block Ware Street, SW

July 27 6:30 p.m.

On July 28, a builder reported that his worker observed two men enter a home that his company is working on and walk out with a boxed ceiling fan. When the workers confronted the men, they returned the fan to the home and left the area.

Petit Larceny 20-005994

500 Block Meadow Lane, SW

Between July 27 at 8:00 p.m. and July 28 at 8:08 a.m.

A resident reported that someone rummaged through his two unlocked vehicles. The person stole soccer equipment and a wallet. The resident found the soccer equipment on Frederick Street. A neighbor found the wallet and returned it to the resident.

Vehicle Tampering 20-006019

1100 Block Street, SW

Between July 27 at 8:00 p.m. and July 28 at 9:02 p.m.

A resident reported that someone rummaged through his unlocked vehicle.

Vehicle Tampering 20-005999

1000 Block Hillcrest Drive, SW

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

A resident reported that someone entered his two unlocked vehicles and rummaged through them. U.S. currency was taken from one of the vehicles.

Stolen Vehicle 20-005996

500 Block Stephen Circle, SW

Between July 27 at 10:30 p.m. and July 28 at 8:34 a.m.

A resident reported that his vehicle was stolen. The vehicle was parked in the driveway, unlocked with the keys in it. Golf clubs and a range finder were in the vehicle when it was taken.

On July 28, the vehicle was recovered in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Vehicle Tampering 20-005995

200 Block Battle Street, SW

July 28 3:24 a.m.

A resident provided home security video of individuals attempting to enter vehicles.

Suspicious Event 20-006000
200 Block Locust Street, SE
July 28 10:55 a.m.

A resident reported that her roommate broke a patio chair. The officer observed that the chair appeared to have broken as a result of wear from being out in the elements and was not a result of vandalism.

Suspicious Event 20-006005
CVS
337 Maple Avenue, East
July 28 1:12 p.m.

A customer found a baggie containing a substance that appeared to be a narcotic in the bathroom of CVS.

Police Service 20-006006
200 Block Locust Street, SE
July 28 1:35 p.m.

Mobile Crisis was requested to assist with on-going issues with the residents in an apartment.

Petit Larceny 20-006011
400 Block Onondio Circle, SE
July 28 between 1:45 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

A resident reported that her mother was on the computer when she received a message stating the computer had been compromised and she needed to purchase gift cards and provide the sender with the security numbers from the cards. After the woman purchased the cards and provided the numbers, she realized it was a scam.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 20-006008
Plaka Grill
110 Lawyers Road, NW
July 28 3:05 p.m.

An employee reported a man in the restaurant was intoxicated. After leaving the restaurant, the man entered the driver's side of a vehicle in the parking lot. PFC Williams located the man in his vehicle. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, he detected signs of impairment.

PFC Williams arrested the 29-year-old man with no fixed address. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Drunk In Public.

Found Property 20-006013
1100 Block Drake Street, SW
July 28 7:10 p.m.

A resident found various credit cards and store cards in his yard.

Arrest – Warrant Service 20-006022

Wolftrap Hotel

430 Maple Avenue, West

July 28 10:19 p.m.

Officers responded to assist rescue personnel with a man in the parking lot of the hotel. It appeared that someone had given the man Narcan to revive him before rescue personnel arrived. As the man was being transported to an area hospital for treatment, officers found there were active warrants for the man with the Fairfax County and Prince William County Police Departments. Ofc. Farr responded to the hospital with rescue personnel.

Once the 26-year-old man from Waterflow Place in Centreville, Virginia was admitted into the hospital a video conference with a magistrate was set up. The capias from Fairfax County Police for Domestic Assault and a capias from Arlington County Police charging Failure to Appear on Felony Eluding Police were served and the man was turned over to the custody of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Department.

Natural Death 20-006042

1000 Block Picket Place, SW

July 29 3:38 a.m.

Officers responded to the report that an elderly resident, who suffered from medical conditions, was deceased in her home.

Open Door 20-006048

American Legion

330 Center Street, North

July 29 8:49 a.m.

Officers responding to the report of an alarm found an open door to the building. Officers searched the premises and found nothing appeared to be out of place.

Burglary 20-006058

100 Block Courthouse Road, SW

July 29 between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

A caretaker of two houses reported that an unknown person entered the two homes and stole property.

Lost Property 20-006051

100 Block Church Street, NW

July 29 11:45 a.m.

A citizen reported that he left his wallet on a bench outside of Rita's Italian Ice & Frozen Custard. When he returned, the wallet was gone.

Suspicious Person 20-006060

Wolftrap Hotel

430 Maple Avenue, West

July 29 11:04 p.m.

Two women had a verbal disagreement in the laundry room when one of the women removed the other's clean clothes from the washing machine so she could use it.

Petit Larceny 20-006067

100 Block Locust Street, SW

July 30 between 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

A resident reported that his Amazon grocery delivery was stolen from the rear of his townhouse.

Animal Case 20-006065

Lullaby Lane and Harmony Drive, SE

July 30 9:20 a.m.

An officer responding to a report of a sick deer found the animal was in grave condition. The officer euthanized the animal.

Assault 20-006096

200 Block Locust Street, SE

July 30 10:24 p.m.

A resident reported that she was assaulted by her roommate. Rescue personnel responded and assessed the resident. There were no signs of injury or assault. The resident was advised of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges.

CRASHES

300 Block Maple Avenue, East 20-005768

July 21 9:35 a.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound on Maple Avenue in the right lane. Vehicle-2 applied his brakes to avoid collision with a vehicle ahead of him, Vehicle-1 was unable to stop in time and ran into the rear of Vehicle-2

Nutley Street and Maple Avenue, SW 20-005829

July 23 10:00 a.m.

Two vehicles were traveling northbound on Nutley Street in the right lane. Vehicle-2 stopped in traffic for the light with Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was unable to stop in time and ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

Nutley Street near Maple Avenue, SW 20-005944

July 23 3:20 p.m.

On July 26, Driver-2 (a bicyclist) reported an accident from a few days prior. The bicyclist stated he was traveling northbound on the sidewalk on Nutley Street, passing the parking lot driveway for the Freedom Bank. Vehicle-1 failed to yield to the bicyclist and struck him while exiting the parking lot onto Nutley Street.

Kingsley Road and Nutley Street, SW 20-005835

July 23 4:55 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Nutley Street. Vehicle-1 was attempting to turn left from Kingsley Road onto southbound Nutley when he impacted with Vehicle-2 and struck two traffic signs.

Maple Avenue near Park Street, SE 20-005939

July 26 3:15 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling eastbound in the right lane of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-2 stopped in traffic. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

Maple Avenue and Nutley Street, NW 20-005956

July 27 10:38 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Nutley Street, NW entering the intersection of Maple Avenue with a green traffic signal. Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Maple Avenue, proceeded through the red traffic signal at Nutley Street, and struck Vehicle-2.

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

200 Block Maple Avenue, West 20-005963

July 27 2:53 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue in adjacent lanes. Vehicle-1 attempted to merge from the right lane to the left lane and sideswiped Vehicle-2.

136 Maple Avenue, West 20-005965

July 27 3:56 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in the parking lot. When the driver returned to the vehicle she found it had been struck by Vehicle-1 (an unknown vehicle). Driver-1 fled the scene without providing their information.

Church Street and Lawyers Road, NW 20-006049

July 29 9:10 a.m.

Vehicle-1 (a tractor-trailer) struck a pedestrian crossing sign when it made a U-turn at the intersection. The driver fled the scene.

CASE UPDATES

None.

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/>

A community conversation on policing in Vienna and use of force

The Vienna Police Department's Chief Jim Morris and others will participate in the monthly "On Deck with Mercury" hosted by town manager Mercury Payton on Tuesday, August 11, from 6-8 pm, in the Vienna Community Center's gym. During this event, Mr. Payton will lead a community discussion on policing in Vienna and use of force.

Due to COVID-19 and social distancing requirements, space is limited to about 70 people. Citizens must be town residents and register for this event to be able to attend. Registration is available via [viennava.gov/ondeck](https://www.viennava.gov/ondeck). Any remaining seats that are available the evening of the event will go to town residents who have not registered first and then people who live outside of Town. The event will also be streamed live on YouTube.

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, 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.**