



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

May 1, 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 April 24, 2020 – May 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

Police Service 20-003605

200 Block Talahi Road, SE

April 11 12:01 a.m.

A citizen reported concerning issues regarding the circumstances of her elderly mother’s death.

Grand Larceny 20-003573

200 Block Locust Street, SE

Between April 15 at 8:00 a.m. and April 26 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that his bicycle was stolen from the laundry room of his apartment complex.

Animal Case – Quarantine 20-003518

1100 Block Moorefield Hill Court, SW

Between April 21 at 12:00 p.m. and April 22 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident was bitten by her son’s dog while they were visiting the home. The dog resides in Arlington County. ACO Barker will follow up with Arlington County on the quarantine for the dog.

Destruction of Property 20-003509

400 Block Kingsley Road, SW

April 24 1:00 a.m.

A resident reported that someone threw an object at his house as they drove by, shattering a window to the home.

Suspicious Event 20-003520

301 Maple Avenue, West

April 24 11:49 a.m.

A doctor reported on-going issues with a former employee.

Suspicious Event 20-003521

Freedom Bank

502 Maple Avenue, West

Between April 23 at 10:00 a.m. and April 24 at 1:30 p.m.

An employee reported that one of their customers made several withdrawals from his account in a short time. Due to the customer's behavior, the employee was concerned that he might be the victim of fraudulent activity. PFC Post notified the Fairfax County Police Department for a welfare check on the customer who resides in their jurisdiction.

Fraud 20-003522

7-11

427 Maple Avenue, East

April 24 12:00 p.m.

A citizen reported that someone broke into her vehicle and stole her purse in Maryland. One of her credit cards was then fraudulently used at 7-11 and the CVS Store at 337 Maple Avenue, East.

Destruction of Property 20-003539

600 Block Yeonas Drive, SW

Between April 24 at 11:30 p.m. and April 25 at 7:00 a.m.

A resident reported that someone smashed the cable box on the telephone pole and cut his cable line.

Petit Larceny 20-003648

Herat Oriental Rugs

132 Maple Avenue, East

Between April 25 at 12:01 a.m. and April 27 at 8:00 a.m.

A campaign sign was stolen from the sidewalk area in front of the store.

Open Door 20-003553

200 Block Tapawingo Road, SW

April 25 4:40 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of an open door at a vacant residence. Officers searched the residence and found nothing suspicious.

Suspicious Event 20-003556

100 Block Patrick Street, SE

April 25 9:22 p.m.

A resident hired a carpet cleaner for a job in her apartment. The resident's father went to the apartment to pay the carpet cleaner but first wanted to inspect the job, which led to a verbal disagreement between the two men.

Fraud 20-003586

100 Block Roland Court, SW

April 27 12:08 p.m.

A resident reported that he attempted to make a purchase on-line. After sending a money order as payment, he was advised the transaction was a scam.

Assault 20-003587

Virginia Tire & Auto Center

141 Maple Avenue, West

April 27 12:10 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a disorderly customer in the business. An employee reported that the customer was dissatisfied with the service and became irate, refusing to pay her bill. As the customer went to her vehicle, the employee followed her attempting to mitigate the situation. The customer continued to act disorderly, opened her car door, and intentionally struck the employee with the door. Officers located the customer inside the business paying her bill and discussed the matter with her. The customer was advised that she was not permitted back in the business and may be charged with trespass if she returns. The employee was advised of the warrant process should he wish to pursue charges for the assault.

Domestic Dispute 20-003593

Wolftrap Hotel

430 Maple Avenue, West

April 27 6:31 p.m.

An employee reported a domestic dispute in one of the rooms. Officers spoke to the couple who both advised that no police assistance was needed.

Domestic Dispute 20-003595

Lynn Street, SW

April 27 10:15 p.m.

Officers responded to a domestic dispute between husband and wife. The couple's daughter heard the argument while she was on the phone with her parents and she was concerned for their welfare. The argument was not physical. However, rescue personnel was requested to evaluate the couple who suffer from on-going medical issues. Both parties declined transport to the hospital.

Assist EMS 20-003604

Meadow Lane, SW

April 28 10:35 a.m.

Officers responded to assist rescue personnel with a resident who had overdosed on prescription medication. The resident was transported to an area hospital for treatment and evaluation in non-life-threatening condition.

Arrest – Noise Violation 20-003607

Starbucks

362 Maple Avenue, East

April 28 11:07 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of a noise complaint at Starbucks and found a delivery driver unloading his trailer in violation of the Town's Noise ordinance.

MPO Shaw issued a summons to the 44-year-old man from Kerry Hill Court in Columbia, Maryland for No Commercial Unloading After 11:00 p.m.. The man was released on his signature.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 20-003608

Giant Food

359 Maple Avenue, East

April 29 2:06 a.m.

Officers responded to the report of a 911 hang up. They located a man in the parking lot who advised he had placed the call. Upon the officers' interaction with the man, they detected signs of impairment.

Ofc. Murray arrested the 32-year-old man from Chip Shot Lane in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. The man was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Drunk In Public.

Found Property 20-003629

Lewis Street and Orchard Street, NW

April 29 10:45 a.m.

A citizen found a set of keys on the sidewalk.

Open Door 20-003630

Noodles & Company

201 Maple Avenue, East

April 29 11:14 a.m.

Officers responded to an alarm at the restaurant and found an unlocked door. They searched the restaurant and found that nothing appeared out of place.

Assist EMS 20-003634

1000 Block Lynn Street, SW

April 29 1:09 p.m.

A citizen called from out of town requesting a welfare check on her elderly parents. The officers spoke to the couple and requested rescue personnel to respond and evaluate the woman. The woman was transported to an area hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

Fraud 20-003650

Sky Energy Therapy LLC

311 Maple Avenue, West, Suite B

April 30 11:45 a.m.

A woman reported that she was selling a painting on eBay through her business account. The person who made the purchase sent a check as payment, but later advised the woman that he sent too much and requested a refund through a MoneyGram from her. After the woman sent the money gram, she was advised by the bank that the man's check did not clear.

Suspicious Person 20-003658

Giant Food

359 Maple Avenue, East

April 30 8:22 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of a woman asking customers for money outside of the store. The officer spoke to the woman and advised her of the customer complaints. The woman agreed to leave the area.

Suspicious Event 20-003662
700 Block Kingsley Road, SW
April 30 11:48 p.m.

Officers responded to a noise complaint. They found the noise was coming from a smoke detector in a vacant home that is set to be demolished. Officers searched the home and found nothing suspicious, but were unable to locate a homeowner to verify that no crime had been committed.

Arrest – Noise Violation 20-003364
Starbucks
362 Maple Avenue, East
May 1 12:24 a.m.

An officer observed a delivery truck driver unloading his truck.

Ofc. Farr issued a summons to the driver, a 52-year-old man from Lewisham Place in Waldorf, Maryland, charging No Commercial Unloading After 11:00 p.m. The man was released on his signature.

CRASHES

143 Maple Avenue, East 20-003505
April 23 5:10 p.m.

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

1400 Block Cottage Street, SW 20-003571
April 26 10:30 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Cottage Street. Vehicle-1 was backing out of a driveway and struck the front of Vehicle-2. Rescue personnel responded to assess a passenger in Vehicle-2, but they did not transport the passenger to a medical facility.

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

Cottage Street and Elm Street, SW 20-003639
April 29 6:27 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Cottage Street, SW. Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Elm Street, SW. Driver-1 proceeded into the intersection and struck Vehicle-2.

Driver-1 was issued two summonses charging Failure to Obey a Stop Sign and No Driver's License.

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

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.**