



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

May 29, 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 May 22, 2020 – May 28, 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

Embezzlement 20-004085

Navy Federal Credit Union

820 Follin Lane, SE

Between April 20 at 12:00 p.m. and April 23 at 12:00 p.m.

An employee reported that another employee stole gift cards from the credit union.

Arrest – Narcotics Violation 20-004066

100 Block Saint Bernard Drive, NE

May 20 5:27 a.m.

Ofc. Colligan was speaking to a passenger in a vehicle that was involved in an accident. During the officer’s interaction, he found the passenger to have narcotics.

Ofc. Colligan issued a summons to the passenger, a 22-year-old man from Ulster Heights Road in Ellenville, New York, charging Possession of a Schedule IV Drug. The man was released on his signature. *Reference Accident #20-004066.*

Destruction of Property 20-004129

300 Block Holmes Drive, NW

May 22 5:33 a.m.

A resident reported damage to their vehicle’s tire,

Suspicious Event 20-004181
500 Block Kingsley Road, SW
May 23 3:19 p.m.

A resident requested assistance with his juvenile daughter's friend who was sending messages to his cell phone to contact his daughter. The resident was advised to send a message to the friend and request they stop contacting his daughter.

Fraud 20-004182
400 Block MacArthur Avenue, NE
May 23 5:34 p.m.

An out of state citizen made an on-line payment to purchase a puppy. The citizen was given the MacArthur Avenue address as the location to pick up the dog, but when she traveled from out of state to the address, the resident advised her they were not the seller. The resident advised there have been other scams in the past where an unknown person has used their address in the fraud.

Trespassing 20-004186
Vienna Elementary School
128 Center Street, South
May 23 9:13 p.m.

Officers responding to the report of people on the roof of the elementary school located two juveniles. While one of the juveniles was climbing down from the roof, she injured her ankle. Officers notified the parents of both juveniles, and they responded to the scene. One of the juveniles was released to the custody of his father. Rescue personnel transported the injured juvenile to an area hospital for treatment.

The juveniles were trespassed from the school property. Petitions are pending in this case.

Arrest – Domestic Assault 20-004187
Patrick Street, SE
May 23 10:16 p.m.

A resident reported that he was assaulted by his adult son.

MPO Tremont arrested the 18-year-old man from Patrick Street, SE. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Domestic Assault and served with an Emergency Protective Order.

Trespassing 20-004189
Vienna Elementary School
128 Center Street, South
May 24 12:49 a.m.

An officer found a juvenile on school property after dark. The juvenile's parent was notified and responded to the school to pick up their daughter.

Police Service 20-004192
Vienna Police Station
215 Center Street, South
May 24 7:30 a.m.

A citizen reported that he left his cellphone on a Metro train. He called his phone and an unknown man answered. Arrangements were made with the man to meet the citizen in Vienna to return the phone, however, the man stopped communicating with the citizen and has failed to return the phone.

Suspicious Event 20-004197

400 Block Mill Street, SE

May 24 4:15 p.m.

A resident reported that fishing line was tied to his mailbox, across the sidewalk, and entangled in multiple trees and signs.

Stolen Vehicle 20-004217

800 Block Plum Street, SW

Between May 25 at 9:45 p.m. and May 26 at 7:00 a.m.

A resident reported her vehicle was stolen from her driveway. The vehicle was left unlocked, with the rear windows down, and the keys in the console.

Suspicious Event 20-004230

133 Maple Avenue, East

May 26 1:45 a.m.

At 4:00 p.m., the property management company reported that their security cameras showed a naked man pulling on all of the doors of the building to gain access at approximately 1:45 a.m. He was also observed in the lobby and side stairs.

Vehicle Tampering 20-004228

100 Block Patrick Street, SE

May 26 5:00 a.m.

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

Petit Larceny 20-004227

200 Block Oak Street, SW

May 26 1:50 p.m.

A resident reported that an unknown person entered her unlocked vehicle and stole the vehicle owner's manual, the registration, and the insurance card.

Animal Case 20-004229

300 Block Church Street, NE

May 26 2:00 p.m.

A resident was walking his dog on Church Street when two small dogs escaped their fenced yard and bit his dog. The owner of the attacking dogs immediately ran out to get his dogs. All three dogs were current with their vaccines and the two dog owners worked the matter out between themselves.

Petit Larceny 20-004232

Vienna Community Center

120 Cherry Street, SE

May 26 between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

A citizen reported that her son's bicycle was stolen from the bike rack where it had been left unlocked.

Found Property 20-004231

500 Block Yeonas Drive, SW

May 26 6:39 p.m.

A resident found a machete in their yard.

Domestic Dispute 20-004234

Patrick Street, SE

May 27 1:47 a.m.

Officers responded to a verbal dispute between a resident and his adult son. The son agreed to leave the residence for the night. The son returned to the home at 4:45 a.m. and began arguing with his father again. The son left the area before officers arrived.

Suspicious Event 20-004277

900 Block Carole Court, SE

May 28 between 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.

A resident reported that the door handle on her vehicle was broken and she believes it may have been the result of someone tampering with the vehicle.

Assist EMS 20-004269

315 Maple Avenue, East

May 28 1:37 a.m.

Officers responded to assist rescue personnel with a woman who had taken a large amount of an over-the-counter medication. The woman was transported to an area hospital for evaluation and treatment.

Stolen Vehicle 20-004270

100 Block Dogwood Street, SW

May 28 3:13 a.m.

A resident reported that two vehicles were stolen from his residence. Both vehicles were left unlocked with the key fobs inside. Officers were able to track one of the vehicles. With the assistance with Metropolitan Washington DC Police, the vehicles were recovered in Washington, DC. *Reference Incident # 20-4271.*

Vehicle Tampering 20-004283

900 Block Ware Street, SW

May 28 3:27 a.m.

A resident reported that a pair of sunglasses, charging cables, and other miscellaneous items were taken from his vehicle.

Stolen Vehicle Recovery 20-004271

100 Block Dogwood Street, SW

May 28 7:50 a.m.

The officer investigating the Incident #20-4270 observed an unoccupied vehicle parked at the residence. A check on that vehicle indicated it was reported as stolen from Washington, DC. Metropolitan Washington DC Police were notified of the vehicle recovery.

Police Service 20-004299

Vienna Town Green

144 Maple Avenue, East

May 28 10:01 p.m.

The Vienna Parks and Recreation Department reported a man who was sleeping at the Town Green at night. An officer located the man and advised him that he was not permitted to stay in the park at night and that he may be charged with trespass if he returns.

CRASHES

1000 Block Maple Avenue, East 20-004075

May 20 12:01 a.m.

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

100 Block Saint Bernard Drive, NE 20-004066

May 20 5:27 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked northbound on Saint Bernard Drive, NE. Vehicle-1 was traveling northbound when the driver became distracted and struck the vehicle.

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

Maple Avenue and Park Street, NE 20-004173

May 23 11:45 a.m.

Two vehicles were on eastbound Maple Avenue in the left turn lane to go north onto Park Street. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

CASE UPDATES

None.

Please contact Ruth Rohr for further information on any of these cases at Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov or 703-255-6324.

Today Executive Order 63 takes effect and remains in effect until amended or rescinded by Governor Northam. The Virginia Department of Health is the enforcing authority for violations of this executive order and may be contacted at 1-877-275-8343.

<https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/executive-actions/EO-63-and-Order-Of-Public-Health-Emergency-Five---Requirement-To-Wear-Face-Covering-While-Inside-Buildings>

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.**