



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

May 8, 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 1, 2020 – May 7, 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

Fraud 20-003614

1000 Block Lynn Street, SW

Between December 31 at 12:00 p.m. and April 28 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported unauthorized transactions on her father’s bank account.

Petit Larceny 20-003758

200 Block McHenry Street, SE

Between April 14 at 12:01 a.m. and April 16 at 10:00 a.m.

A resident reported that a leaf blower and two fishing poles were stolen from his shed.

Grand Larceny 20-003691

600 Block Hillcrest Drive, SW

Between April 25 at 11:00 p.m. and April 26 at 4:00 a.m.

A resident reported that a leaf blower, a hedge trimmer, and assorted tools were stolen from her unlocked truck.

Suspicious Event 20-003778

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

April 28 2:00 p.m.

On May 6, a resident reported that she is concerned for her safety after a suspicious encounter with her ex-boyfriend that occurred on April 28.

Police Service 20-003655
500 Block Maple Avenue, East
April 30 4:20 p.m.

An officer located a man near the bus stop who requested assistance in getting to a shelter. The officer transported the man to an area shelter where they were able to house him.

Tampering 20-003670
400 Block Kramer Drive, SE
Between April 30 at 10:00 p.m. and May 1 at 10:27 a.m.

A resident reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle and rummaged through it. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Petit Larceny 20-003671
500 Block Wolftrap Road, SE
Between April 30 at 10:30 p.m. and May 1 at 11:17 a.m.

A resident reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle and stole a knife and US currency.

Vehicle Tampering 20-003781
500 Block Kramer Drive, SE
May 1 2:23 a.m.

A resident reported that someone rummaged through his vehicle. Nothing appears to have been taken.

Missing Adult 20-003673
100 Block Wilmar Place, NW
May 1 between 9:15 a.m. and 12:25 p.m.

A resident reported that her elderly husband, who suffers from medical issues, went for a walk and had not returned. Officers located the man near Maple Avenue and Follin Lane and transported him home.

Fraud 20-003674
500 Block Woodland Court, NW
May 1 1:39 p.m.

A resident advertised a bicycle for sale over social media. A man from out of state expressed interest in purchasing the bicycle and sent a check as payment. After the resident deposited the check into the bank, the man advised him he wanted to cancel the purchase and requested a refund. The resident provided the refund and was later advised the initial check was fraudulent.

Domestic Dispute 20-003678
Mountfort Court, SW
May 1 11:25 p.m.

A citizen advised he was at the residence to pick up a truck that he owns jointly with his estranged wife, however, she refused to give him the keys. Upon the officers' interaction with the citizen, they detected signs of impairment. The resident advised the officers that all communication and matters need to be handled through their attorneys. The man threatened to go into the house in violation of a court order to get the keys. The officers spoke to the man who agreed to have an Uber take him home, and then he would handle the matter later through legal counsel.

Shoplifting 20-003681

Giant Food

359 Maple Avenue, East

May 2 3:30 p.m.

An employee observed a man conceal merchandise and attempt to leave the store without paying for it. The employee stopped the man, and he agreed to accompany the employee to the store's office. The man became uncooperative when the employee trespassed him from the store. The man left the store when he was advised that the police were being summoned.

Domestic Dispute 20-003683 and 20-003686

Beulah Road, NE

May 2 Between 5:12 p.m. and 7:14 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a dispute between a juvenile and his foster mother. There were no signs of assault by either party. An officer responded to the house at 7:14 p.m. at the request of one of the juvenile's former caregivers to ensure there were no other issues. The juvenile spoke to the officer verifying that the dispute was settled and that he did not need any further assistance.

Police Service 20-003702

Wolftrap Hotel

430 Maple Avenue, West

May 3 7:57 p.m.

A citizen expressed concern for a friend who was staying at the hotel. Officers spoke to the man and provided him information on services available to assist him.

Assault 20-003707

McDonald's

544 Maple Avenue, West

May 4 1:30 a.m.

A citizen advised that she was in the drive-through lane at McDonald's when she sounded her horn to get the attention of the restaurant staff. The driver in front of her exited his vehicle, shouted obscenities at her, then returned to his vehicle. While the citizen was waiting for her food to be delivered to her vehicle, the other driver aggressively approached her vehicle, yelling threatening obscenities, and kicked her vehicle, causing minor damage. This case is being investigated.

Fraud 20-003736

500 Block Stephen Circle, SW

May 4 3:00 p.m.

A resident reported fraudulent activity on his bank account through his Facebook account.

Police Service 20-003737

200 Block Mill Street, NE

May 4 6:30 p.m.

A citizen believes employees from other businesses in the area are using a dumpster that she leases. The dumpster was overfilled, costing her a fine from her trash collection service.

Arrest – Narcotics Violation 20-003745

600 Block Upham Place, NW

May 5 6:05 a.m.

Officers responded to the report of a suspicious vehicle with the driver asleep inside. The officers found the vehicle had struck another vehicle that was legally parked in the roadway. Upon the officers' interaction with the driver, they detected an odor of marijuana. The driver was in possession of marijuana and other narcotics.

PFC Post arrested the 25-year-old man from Cottage Street, SW in Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with two counts of Possession of Narcotics with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Marijuana, and Driving on a Suspended License DWI related.

Reference Accident #20-3741.

Suspicious Person 20-003748

300 Block Ayito Road, SE

May 5 10:15 a.m.

A resident reported a suspicious man took a picture of her home.

Assault 20-003751

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

May 5 1:30 p.m.

A woman reported an argument with her ex-boyfriend escalated when he struck her. The woman was uninjured and was advised of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges for the assault.

Missing Juvenile 20-003763

Delano Drive, SE

May 5 9:45 p.m.

A resident reported that her teenage daughter left the house after they argued. The juvenile returned while an officer was speaking to the parent.

Suspicious Person 20-003764

7-11

537 Maple Avenue, West

May 5 10:39 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a suspicious man and woman asking for money and in violation of the posted "No Loitering" sign. Officers located a woman who was accepting bags of groceries from customers coming out of the store. An employee requested the woman be trespassed from the premises. The woman was advised that if she returns to the store, she may be charged with trespassing.

Arrest – Narcotics Violation and Assault on Law Enforcement Officer 20-003765

McDonald's Restaurant

534 Maple Avenue, West

May 5 11:16 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a man in the parking lot of the restaurant asking for money and scaring customers. Upon the officers' interaction with the man, they found that he was in possession of marijuana, cocaine, and drug paraphernalia.

Ofc. Colligan arrested the 41-year-old man from Beach Road in Midland, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. While the officer was speaking to the magistrate, the man became disorderly and assaulted the officer. The man was charged with Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Narcotics, and Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer. He was held without bond.

Police Service 20-003780
200 Block Cedar Lane, SE
May 6 8:30 p.m.

A resident requested a welfare check on her adult son after he made concerning statements to his girlfriend. An officer spoke to a mental health worker regarding the situation and they issued an Emergency Care Order for the man. MPO Shaw transported the man to a medical facility for evaluation.

Arrest - Domestic Assault 20-003798
Cedar Lane, SE
May 7 6:03 p.m.

Officers responded to a domestic assault in progress. A resident reported that she and her husband were arguing about her adult son. The son heard the argument and confronted his step-father. The step-father then brandished a firearm, pointing it at the son.

MPO Shaw arrested the step-father, a 34-year-old man from Cedar Lane in Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Brandishing a Firearm. An Emergency Protective Order was also served on the man.

Domestic Dispute 20-003800
Glyndon Lane, SE
May 7 7:04 p.m.

Officers responded to a domestic dispute between husband and wife. The wife agreed to leave the house with the children for the night to allow both parties to calm down.

CRASHES

Upham Place near Lawyers Road, NW 20-003741
May 5 6:05 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Upham Place at Lawyers Road, NW. Driver-1 attempted to pull to the side of the road and collided with Vehicle-2, a legally parked vehicle. *Reference Incident #20-003745.*

CASE UPDATES

None.

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