



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

November 6, 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 October 30, 2020 – November 5, 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

Animal Case 20-008114

200 Block Windover Avenue, NW

October 24 12:31 a.m.

An officer responded to the report of a dog at large. After unsuccessful attempts to locate the dog’s owner, the officer transported the animal to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

Vehicle Tampering 20-008155
900 Block Frederick Street, SW
October 27 3:28 a.m.

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

Animal Case – Quarantine 20-008285
600 Block John Marshall Drive, NE
October 29 12:00 p.m.

On November 3, the Fairfax County Health Department reported that a resident was bitten by her dog on October 29. The resident reported that they had adopted the dog earlier in the month. After the dog bite, the resident returned the dog to the animal welfare league they adopted it from. The Health Department will follow up with the animal's quarantine.

Suspicious Person 20-008225
Sweet Leaf
260 Maple Avenue, East
October 30 11:29 a.m.

A citizen reported that she was on Glyndon Street, NE, waiting for the traffic light at Maple Avenue when a man exited out of the Sweet Leaf Cafe looking at something he was carrying. The man approached her vehicle and attempted to open the locked passenger door. The man then walked away, southbound on Glyndon Street. Officers searched the area but did not locate the man.

Civil Dispute 20-008227
400 Block Council Drive, NE
October 30 1:18 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a man who was returning to his estranged wife's home to collect his belongings. The resident was not home and the man was advised he would need to consult with his attorney to make these arrangements. The man returned later in the day and was again advised to contact his attorney.

Animal Case – Quarantine 20-008287
900 Block Cottage Street, SW
October 31 12:00 p.m.

A resident was bitten by her daughter's dog. The resident was advised of the 10-day quarantine for the dog.

Police Service 20-008238
Vienna Police Station
215 Center Street, South
October 31 12:20 p.m.

A resident turned in a firearm for destruction.

Recovery of Stolen Vehicle 20-008239

200 Block Niblick Drive, SE

October 31 4:15 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of an abandoned vehicle. The officer determined the vehicle had been reported as stolen in Fairfax County. Fairfax County Police and the owner of the vehicle were notified of the vehicle's recovery.

Vandalism 20-008242

100 Block Glyndon Street, NE

October 31 9:50 p.m.

A resident reported that someone damaged her house with eggs and paintballs. This is the second similar incident in the past week at her home.

Animal Case 20-008249

400 Block Holloway Court, NE

November 1 12:17 p.m.

A resident reported an ongoing issue with her neighbor's dog barking. An officer responded to the neighbor's home and observed the dog outside howling. The officer spoke to the dog's owner and advised her of the Town Ordinance regarding the complaint.

Petit Larceny 20-008267

200 Block Pleasant Street, SW

Between November 1 at 8:00 p.m. and November 2 at 2:00 p.m.

A resident reported that two political signs were removed from her yard.

Trespassing 20-008290

Navy Federal Credit Union

820 Follin Lane, SE

November 3 1:17 p.m.

An employee reported a man at the bank who was previously trespassed from the property. Officers spoke to the man and advised him of the Trespass ordinance. The employee did not wish to pursue charges at this time.

Illegal Dumping 20-008298

500 Block Old Courthouse Road, NE

Between November 3 at 10:00 p.m. and November 4 at 7:17 a.m.

A resident reported that someone is placing political signs in his yard, in opposition to the political signs he has placed there.

Suspicious Event 20-008295

100 Block Patrick Street, SE

November 3 10:06 p.m.

An officer spoke to a resident regarding a report of threatening and erratic behavior that he was making towards his girlfriend who is away at school. The resident agreed to cease all contact with the woman.

Petit Larceny 20-008312

Walgreens

225 Maple Avenue, East

November 4 7:59 p.m.

An employee reported that a man came in to pick up two prescriptions. During the transaction, the employee determined the prescriptions may be fraudulent and advised the man that they could not release the medication to him. The man took the medication and left the store without paying for them.

CRASHES

500 Block Beulah Road, NE 20-008139

October 26 11:07 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Beulah Road. Vehicle-1 was backing out of a private driveway when she was struck by Vehicle-2.

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

Maple Avenue and Follin Lane, SE 20-008268

November 2 2:18 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling in the right eastbound lane of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-2 slowed for the red traffic light at Follin Lane. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of vehicle-2.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Following Too Close.

200 Block Talahi Road, SE 20—008279

November 3 9:52 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was backing out of a private driveway. Vehicle-1 was attempting to turn around to go westbound on Talahi Road and was backing out of the driveway across from Vehicle-2 when the two vehicles collided.

Lawyers Road and Upham Place, NW 20-008283

November 3 9:50 a.m.

Two vehicles were traveling southbound on Lawyers Road. Vehicle-2 stopped for the stop sign at Upham Place. Vehicle-1, a US Postal Service van, ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

300 Block Maple Avenue, West 20-008293

November 3 8:20 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Maple Avenue, attempted to turn left into a parking lot, and collided with Vehicle-2.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Yield Right of Way.

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/>



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Results of the 19th National Drug Take Back Initiative

On October 24, 2020, the Town of Vienna Police Department, in conjunction with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (D.E.A.), participated in the 19th National Drug Take Back Initiative. As a result of that initiative, the Town of Vienna Police Department collected and safely disposed of 309 pounds of expired or no longer needed medications from area citizens. The October initiative collected approximately 25,706 pounds of medications statewide. The Vienna Police Department plans to continue its participation with the United States D.E.A. for future initiatives.



309 pounds of unused or expired medications

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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. There 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



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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.**