



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

November 13, 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 November 6, 2020 – November 12, 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

Suspicious Event 20-008439

9000 Block Counsellor Drive, NW

Between August 28 10:00 a.m. and November 10 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that several checks he deposited inside a USPS mailbox did not make it to their destination. He was referred to the Postal Inspector’s Office for investigation.

Petit Larceny 20-008408

1100 Block Ware Street, SW

Between October 16 at 12:00 p.m. and October 31 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that someone entered his unlocked sheds and stole three pairs of snow skis, an air compressor, a Sawzall, a shovel, and a scooter.

Fraud 20-008464

100 Block Saint Andrews Drive, NE

October 19 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that a check that an insurance company had mailed him never arrived. After calling the insurance company, they advised that the check was mailed and that someone had altered the check and deposited on their bank account.

Destruction of Property 20-008127

Bonaroti

428 Maple Avenue, East

October 24 10:40 p.m.

A citizen reported that a person had purposely damaged the hood of his vehicle.

Vehicle Tampering 20-008168

500 Block Park Street, NE

Between October 26 at 12:00 p.m. and October 28 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that someone entered her unlocked vehicle, rummaged through it, and stole her wallet from her purse.

Suspicious Event 20-008348

400 Block MacArthur Avenue, NE

October 29 12:00 p.m.

A citizen reported that they sent money on-line to an individual for the purchase of a dog. The citizen drove from Iowa to pick up the dog and found that they had been scammed.

Petit Larceny 20-008330

200 Block Walnut Lane, NW

Between October 31 5:00 p.m. and November 1 8:30 a.m.

A resident reported that a political sign was taken from her yard.

Animal Case 20-008496

1400 Block Desale Street, SW

November 1 12:00 p.m.

A citizen was bit by a dog at a party in a house located in the Town of Vienna. The dog owner was contacted and advised of the 10 day quarantine period.

Petit Larceny 20-008280

100 Block Casmar Street, SE

Between November 2 10:00 p.m. and November 3 9:00 a.m.

A resident reported that several political signs were taken from his yard.

Animal Case – Quarantine 20-008350

600 Block Truman Circle, SW

November 3 3:00 p.m.

The Fairfax County Health Department reported that a woman was grooming a dog at the dog's residence when the animal bit her. The dog's owner was advised of the quarantine procedure.

Domestic Dispute 20-008320

Council Drive, NE

November 5 9:13 a.m.

A resident reported on-going issues with her estranged husband. The resident was advised of the process to obtain an Emergency Protective Order.

Domestic Dispute 20-008333

Frederick Street, SW

November 5 8:12 p.m.

An officer responded to a verbal dispute between a resident and her husband.

Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle 20-008336

100 Block Shepherdson Lane, NE

November 5 9:00 p.m.

A resident reported that her adult son became angry, damaged property in their home, then took her vehicle without permission. There was an active warrant on file with our department for a previous incident involving her son. The resident did not wish to pursue additional charges against her son. The resident was advised to notify the police when her son returned home. (*Reference Case Update Incident #20-007252*).

Suspicious Event 20-008338

600 Block Upham Place, NW

November 5 10:27 p.m.

A resident heard a noise outside of his neighbor's carport. He then observed a man near the bushes lining the neighbor's driveway. The man entered a dark-colored vehicle and left the area southbound on Lawyers Road. Officers checked the neighbor's home and vehicles and found no signs of damage or attempted entry.

Suspicious Event 20-008344

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

November 6 9:15 a.m.

An employee reported that on November 5 he spoke to two residents regarding various issues. On November 6, one of the men approached him and made suspicious comments that made him concerned for his safety.

Fraud 20-008503

7-11

427 Maple Avenue, East

November 6 11:34 a.m.

A person went up to the register and stated he was buying gift cards for several hundred dollars each. While the employee counted all the money to pay for the gift cards, the person swapped the new active gift cards for used gift cards without the employee noticing. The subject then took his money back and did not buy the new gift cards. Case is active.

Assist EMS 20-008358

100 Block Maple Avenue, West

November 6 7:10 p.m.

Two officers were speaking with a man who had been involved in an accident earlier in the evening. During their conversation, the man suffered a medical emergency and collapsed. Both officers performed CPR until rescue personnel arrived and transported the man to an area hospital for treatment.

Animal Case 20-008372

300 Block Center Street, North

November 7 9:09 a.m.

A resident reported an injured cat. An officer transported the cat to the Pender Veterinary Clinic for evaluation and treatment. The officer was unable to determine the owner of the cat.

Fraud 20-008449

Burke & Herbert Bank

302 Maple Avenue, West

November 10 1:10 p.m.

An employee requested police assistance with a subject that was attempting to cash a fraudulent check. Officers arrived on scene and investigated.

Ofc. Longerbeam arrested the 59-year-old man from Martin Luther King Blvd, SW in Washington, DC. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Uttering A Forged Check. The man was held without bond for other pending charges in a different jurisdiction.

Petit Larceny 20-008477

Vienna Rexall Drug Center

150 Maple Avenue West

November 11 3:22 p.m.

A female waiting for a prescription took several items from the store and concealed them inside her bag. An employee of the store confronted the female about the theft and the female returned the items and left the store. Employees from the store followed the female suspect outside to her vehicle in the parking lot. One of the employees attempted to block the female suspect from leaving and stood in the way of the vehicle until the police could arrive. The female suspect drove off and struck the employee with her vehicle in the process. MPO Shaver contacted The Commonwealth Attorney's Office to obtain warrants and was declined prosecution of this case.

Burglary 20-008487
Park Terrace Court, SE
November 12 3:17 a.m.

A victim reported three subjects had forced entry into the basement level apartment where he was staying through a sliding glass door. The victim advised that one of the subjects was an acquaintance to him and was in possession of a handgun, demanding some items of value. A brief struggle at the doorway occurred between the victim and the known acquaintance before the suspect and two accomplices fled the area on foot. The victim did not sustain any injuries. Officer McElhattan assisted the victim in obtaining 3 warrants for the acquaintance from the magistrate, charging him with burglary with a firearm, attempted robbery, and brandishing a firearm.

CRASHES

600 Block Hillcrest Drive, SW 20-008327
November 5 11:35 a.m.

Vehicle-1, a garbage truck, was backing up in front of 643 Hillcrest Dr. SW. Vehicle-2 was stopped waiting for the garbage truck to move. Vehicle-1 backed into Vehicle-2. Vehicle-1 was at fault.

Vehicle-1 was a Town of Vienna vehicle and pictures of the accident were sent to human resources.

Maple Avenue, East / Mill Street, NE 20-008354
November 6 4:31 p.m.

The drivers of three vehicles were traveling westbound on Maple Avenue, NE in the left most travel lane. The drivers stopped at Maple Ave/Mill St, NE due to the red traffic signal at Maple Ave/W&OD trail.

Driver-1 stated she had something in her shoe. When she went to get it out her foot went off the brake and onto the accelerator, causing her vehicle to lunge forward rear-ending Vehicle-2, which in turn caused Vehicle-2 to rear end Vehicle-3.

A passenger in Vehicle-2 complained of back pain and was transported by EMS to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Driver-1 received a citation for fail to pay full time and attention, and no driver's license.

121 Maple Avenue, West 20-008356
November 6 6:04 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on the 100 Block of Maple Avenue ,West and attempted to make a left turn into a parking lot. Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue Westbound and accelerated when traffic began to move. Vehicle-1 did not yield to Vehicle-2 while executing the left turn across traffic, which had the right of way. The operator of vehicle 1 is responsible for the accident.

Maple Avenue, SE 20-008409

November 8 12:52 p.m.

The drivers of three vehicles were traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue, SE in the leftmost travel lane.

Driver-2 and Driver-3 stopped due to the red traffic signal at Maple Ave/Follin Ln, SE.

Driver-1 stated he was adjusting his GPS and did not realize traffic had stopped. He was unable to stop in time and rear-ended Vehicle-2. Vehicle-2 then rear-ended Vehicle-3

Vehicle-1 passenger complained of collarbone pain caused by the seat belt. She was evaluated by rescue and declined transport.

Driver-1 received a citation for failure to pay full time and attention.

Whole Foods – Hit and Run - 143 Maple Avenue, East 20-008414

November 8 5:11 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was unoccupied and parked in a private parking lot at Whole Foods at 143 Maple Avenue, East. Vehicle-2 was struck on the right rear fender by a vehicle parked in the space next to Vehicle-2. The striking vehicle fled the scene without exchanging information. Witness stated vehicle-1 is a brown Honda minivan.

Nutley Street, SW / Kingsley Road, SW 20-008429

November 9 2:50 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Nutley Street, SW approaching the intersection with Kingsley Road, SW. Vehicle-1 failed to yield the right of way and made a left turn off Kingsley Road westbound onto Nutley Street southbound. Vehicle-1 and Vehicle-2 collided within the intersection. Vehicle-1 then struck a road sign in the median.

Maple Avenue, East / Center Street 20-008448

November 10 1:03 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was in the left turning lane on Maple Avenue and Center Street heading south. Vehicle-1 was in the lane next to Vehicle-2 on Maple Avenue heading south. Vehicle-1 tried to cut into the left turning lane and struck Vehicle-2 right front tire with his left front tire.

The driver of vehicle-1 received a summons.

CASE UPDATES

Vandalism and Domestic Dispute 20-007252

100 Block Shepherdson Lane, NE

September 14 8:50 p.m.

(Case Update)

A felony warrant was issued in this case on September 14, 2020. On November 6 at approximately 3:15 a.m., the resident called to report her son had returned home. PFC Gucwa responded to the home and arrested the 24-year-old man. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where the warrant charging Destruction of Property was served. (*Reference Incident #20-008336*).

**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/>



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



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.**