



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

November 25, 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 20, 2020 – November 24, 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 20-008722

500 Block Woodland Court, NW

November 13 7:00 p.m.

On November 23, a resident reported a suspicious event that occurred on November 13. The resident advised that his son found a man walking around in their garage, and appeared to be approaching the door that leads into the residence. The man ran off when the son confronted him. The resident later observed on his security system that the man initially approached the front door of the residence before entering the garage.

Suspicious Event 20-008728

400 Block Roland Street, SW

November 18 between 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

A resident reported that her mother is hospitalized and, for safety reasons, her location is being kept from her father. The resident believes her father is following her to find out where her mother is being treated.

Animal Case 20-008653

400 Block Colin Lane, NW

November 20 10:00 a.m.

ACO Barker responded to the report of an animal in the roadway where he found a deceased calico cat. ACO Barker was unable to identify an owner for the cat.

Animal Case – Quarantine 20-008714

Hope Advanced Veterinary Center

140 Park Street, SE

November 20 4:45 p.m.

An employee was bitten by a cat during a medical procedure. The cat resides in McLean, Virginia, and had returned home. The information was forwarded to the Fairfax County Animal Control for their follow up on the animal's quarantine.

Assault 20-008680

200 Block Locust Street, SE

November 21 11:45 a.m.

A resident called 911 to report that she was assaulted by her roommate. Officers and rescue personnel responded to the home but did not observe any injury or sign of an assault. The resident was evaluated by rescue personnel and officers advised her of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges against her roommate.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 20-008687

300 Block Owaissa Road, SE

November 21 7:21 p.m.

A resident reported that she was concerned about her neighbor who was out of control and causing a disturbance. The resident reported having continuous issues with the neighbor for the past week. Officers spoke to the neighbor and his family members and provided them with options to seek assistance. The man was advised that he needed to stop disturbing the neighbors or he may be charged. *Reference Incident #20-008750*

Natural Death 20-008693

900 Block Ninovan Road, SE

November 22 9:05 a.m.

Officers responded to assist rescue personnel with a resident who suffered from medical issues and was found deceased in his bedroom.

Arrest - Unlawful Entry 20-008701

Wolftrap Hotel

430 Maple Avenue, West

November 22 4:37 p.m.

A resident reported that he left his room with the door open for a short time. When he returned, he found the door was closed and locked with the deadbolt. The resident observed an unknown man through the window in his room. The man refused to open the door for officers. Hotel management responded to the room and opened the door.

Ofc. McElhattan arrested the 62-year-old man from Scotten Road, Jacksonville, Florida. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Unlawful Entry, held without bond, and ordered to have a psychiatric evaluation.

Fight 20-008704

Popeyes

325 Maple Avenue, East

November 22 6:07 p.m.

Officers responded to a report of two men fighting inside the restaurant. When they arrived, one of the men had left the scene. The other man advised that the two of them got into an argument that escalated into a physical altercation when the two men began punching each other.

Suspicious Person 20-008706

100 Block Kingsley Road, SE

November 22 8:30 p.m.

A resident reported that an unknown woman came to her door, claiming to be a neighbor, and offered to pay her if she could use her phone. The resident went back into her home, asking the woman to wait, and the woman left before the resident returned to the door.

Vandalism 20-008725
500 Block Stephen Circle, SW
November 23 5:44 p.m.

A resident reported that a tenant who he had recently evicted vandalized the walls and ceiling of the basement he was renting. The resident and his son advised the tenant stole various household items from the house and tools from the carport. The tenant appeared to have also taken their cat, her litter box, and other pet items.

Assault 20-008726
200 Block Locust Street, SE
November 23 between 6:00 p.m. and 6:28 p.m.

A resident reported that her roommate had taken the coil out of the thermostat. She stated that when she confronted her about the thermostat, the roommate threatened her. Officers advised the resident of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges.

Found Property 20-008730
Maple Avenue and Park Street, SE
November 23 9:26 p.m.

A citizen turned in a wallet they found on the sidewalk. An officer returned the wallet to the owner's residence.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 20-008731
200 Block Cedar Lane, SE
November 24 12:20 a.m.

A security guard requested assistance with a suspicious man. Upon the officers' interaction with the man, they detected signs of impairment. Ofc. Murray arrested the 23-year-old man from Cedar Lane in Vienna. The man was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Drunk In Public.

Trespassing 20-008750
300 Block Owaissa Road, SE
November 24 10:32 a.m.

A resident reported ongoing issues with her neighbor trespassing on her property and harassing her family. The resident's attorney drafted a trespass letter that was served on the neighbor, stating that he is not permitted on the resident's property and that he will be charged with Trespass if he returns. *Reference Incident #20-008687*

Animal Case – Quarantine 20-008756
100 Block Tapawingo Road, SW
November 24 5:13 p.m.

A resident reported that he was walking his dog when another dog ran from a yard and bit his dog, causing minor lacerations. The dog was taken to an animal hospital for treatment. The owner of the other dog was issued a 10-day quarantine.

CRASHES

801 Follin Lane, SE 20-8721

November 23 2:08 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Follin Lane. Vehicle-1 was exiting the parking lot at 801 Follin Lane. Driver-1 failed to stop or yield before entering the roadway and struck Vehicle-2. Driver-2 was transported by rescue to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Yield the 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.



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Donate NEW unwrapped toys, games, books, and gifts to be distributed to children at Fairfax Hospital, Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center, and to the children in the community who might not otherwise have a cheerful holiday season!

THIS YEAR MORE THAN EVER, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please bring your items to any Fairfax County Police Station, any of the above schools, the Lobby of the Pennino and Herrity Office Buildings, or the Government Center, no later than

9:00 a.m. on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020

On November 16, 2020, Governor Northam amended Executive Order #67 that went into effect on the same day. This amended order remains in effect until rescinded or amended by further executive order. Questions, concerns, and complaints of violations of this order, should be directed to the VA Department of Health at 1-877-275-8343.

[Amended Executive Order #67 Effective 11/16/2020](#)

For more information, navigate to <https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus-updates/>



**Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department
Media Information Release
Operations Modifications in**

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.**