



## VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

October 16, 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 9, 2020 – October 15, 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](mailto: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**

**Fraud 20-007809**

**100 Block Tapawingo Road, SE**

**Between September 27 at 12:00 p.m. and October 3 at 7:0 p.m.**

A resident reported unauthorized charges on his credit account.

**Petit Larceny 20-007818**

**Vienna Community Center**

**120 Cherry Street, SE**

**October 2 between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

A resident reported that her daughter parked her bicycle at the Community Center. When she returned, she found the bicycle had been stolen.

**Animal Case 20-007907**

**900 Block Cooper Court, SE**

**October 6 12:00 p.m.**

A resident reported issues with an unknown type of wildlife leaving debris in his yard. The Animal Control Officer is assisting in determining what animal is causing the issue.

**Animal Case – Quarantine 20-007891**

**Hope Advanced Veterinary Center**

**140 Park Street, SE**

**October 7 9:50 a.m.**

A technician was bitten by a cat during a procedure. The cat resides in McLean, Virginia, so the case was forwarded to the Fairfax County Animal Control to follow up on the cat's quarantine.

**Telephone Case 20-007777**

**700 Block Upham Place, NW**

**Between October 7 at 12:30 p.m. and October 8 at 3:00 p.m.**

A resident received a phone call from someone claiming to be with Customer Service and advising the resident of an issue with her account. The resident did not know what company the caller was from, however, she followed their directions and called the number she was given to correct the matter. The resident called the number and spoke to an unknown man, and permitted the man remote access to her computer. The man then requested the resident provide him with her banking information, which she refused. The resident then found that she was locked out of her computer due to a malware that the man downloaded onto it. The following day the resident received another scam call from the same number.

**Petit Larceny 20-007799**

**600 Block John Marshall Drive, NW**

**Between October 8 at 9:30 p.m. and October 9 at 8:00 a.m.**

A resident reported that someone rummaged through his vehicle and stole U.S. currency. The vehicle was locked and it is believed access was gained through the vehicle's soft top.

**Grand Larceny 20-007807**

**600 Block John Marshall Drive, NW**

**Between October 8 at 10:00 p.m. and October 9 at 10:30 a.m.**

A resident reported that his wallet was stolen from his locked vehicle.

**Stolen Vehicle 20-007781**

**100 Block Shepherdson Lane, NE**

**October 9 3:27 a.m.**

A resident reported that his vehicle was stolen from his driveway. The vehicle had been left unlocked with the keys inside.

**Police Service 20-007805**

**Giant Food**

**359 Maple Avenue, East**

**October 9 10:31 a.m.**

An employee reported an elderly woman was roaming around the store and appeared confused. The woman's husband responded to the store to pick her up.

**Suspicious Event 20-007878**

**200 Block West Street, NW**

**Between October 9 at 12:00 p.m. and October 12 at 12:00 p.m.**

A resident reported that several packages were mailed to her home that did not belong to her.

**Assault 20-007846**

**200 Block Locust Street, SE**

**October 10 7:17 p.m.**

A resident reported that she was assaulted by her roommate. The resident was advised of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges.

**Grand Larceny 20-007858**

**400 Block Windover Avenue, NW**

**Between October 10 at 9:30 p.m. and October 11 at 10:30 a.m.**

A resident reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle and stole his wife's wallet containing a large amount of U.S. currency, credit cards, and identification cards. An iPad was also taken from the vehicle.

**Police Service 20-007855**

**Vienna Police Station**

**215 Center Street, South**

**October 11 9:03 a.m.**

A citizen turned in ammunition for destruction.

**Suspicious Event 20-007874**

**200 Block Ayr Hill Avenue, NE**

**Between October 11 at 12:00 p.m. and October 12 at 3:23 p.m.**

A resident reported that someone removed mail from his mailbox, went through the documents, and left the mail lying in the front yard. It did not appear that anything was taken.

**Grand Larceny 20-007873**

**300 Block Ayr Hill Avenue, NE**

**Between October 11 at 7:35 p.m. and October 12 at 1:30 p.m.**

A resident reported that she placed outgoing mail for pick up in her mailbox. The following day she found the mail opened and strewn about her yard. Three checks were missing from the mail.

**Trespassing 20-007876**

**Faith Baptist Church**

**301 Center Street, South**

**October 12 4:45 p.m.**

Two juveniles were observed on the roof of the Church. The juveniles were counseled about trespassing and released to the custody of their parents.

**Arrest – Warrant Service 20-007879**

**400 Block Nutley Street, NW**

**October 12 9:52 p.m.**

Officers responded to a verbal dispute between two brothers. One of the men was wanted by Fairfax County Police for an outstanding warrant.

MPO Tremont arrested the 34-year-old man from Nutley Street, NW in Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Failure to Appear on two Felony Possession of Narcotics charges.

**Stolen Vehicle 20-007910**

**400 Block Upham Place, NW**

**Between October 13 at 7:30 p.m. and October 14 at 10:30 a.m.**

A resident reported that his vehicle was stolen. The vehicle was left parked on the street, unlocked with the keys inside.

**Vehicle Tampering 20-007913**

**400 Block Colin Lane, NW**

**Between October 13 at 9:30 p.m. and October 14 at 11:00 p.m.**

A resident reported that someone rummaged through her unlocked vehicle.

**Vehicle Tampering 20-007901**

**100 Block Ayr Hill Avenue, NW**

**October 14 3:06 a.m.**

A resident observed two men rummaging through their unlocked vehicles. The unknown men fled the area in a vehicle.

**Vehicle Tampering 20-007923**

**400 Block Lawyers Road, NW**

**Between October 14 at 5:00 p.m. and October 15 at 8:00 a.m.**

A resident reported that someone rummaged through her unlocked vehicle.

## **CRASHES**

**Maple Avenue and Pleasant Street, NW 20-007762**

**October 8 6:50 a.m.**

Pedestrian-1 was on the north side of Maple Avenue and observed Vehicle-1 approaching. Pedestrian-1 proceeded to cross Maple Avenue while looking at his cell phone. Vehicle-1 was traveling in the left westbound lane of Maple Avenue, changing lanes into the right lane when she struck Pedestrian-1. Pedestrian-1 was at fault. No citation was issued.

## **CASE UPDATES**

None.

Please contact Ruth Rohr for further information on any of these cases at  
[Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov](mailto: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**

### **Vienna Police Department to Participate in the DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative**

**Saturday, October 24, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

In conjunction with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and state and local law enforcement agencies, the Vienna Police Department will again participate in a one-day initiative to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from area homes.

On October 24, 2020, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., the Vienna Police Department will have a collection site for old, expired, unused, or unwanted medications. Prescription medications, controlled or non-controlled substances, and over the counter drugs may be turned in anonymously at the collection point inside the Vienna Police Department located at 215 Center Street, South, Vienna, Virginia 22180.

Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing it and disposing of it directly into the collection box. If an original container is used, the individual should consider removing any identifying information from the prescription label. Liquid products should remain sealed in their original container to prevent leakage.

DEA will collect vape pens or other e-cigarette devices from individual consumers **only** after the batteries are removed from the devices. It is important to stress that the DEA is not responsible for removing the batteries from the devices.

**Intravenous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted due to associated hazards.**

**Commercial businesses, pharmacies, or other medical facilities may not use this as a means to discard expired medications or medical waste.**

**For further information, please contact:  
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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



## **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](http://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.**