



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

October 2, 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 September 25, 2020 – October 1, 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

Petit Larceny 20-007513

100 Block Kingsley Road, SE

Between September 24 at 10:00 p.m. and September 25 at 8:00 a.m.

A resident reported that a sign was stolen from her yard.

Vandalism 20-007549

400 Block Dominion Road, SE

Between September 25 at 12:00 p.m. and September 26 at 9:00 a.m.

A resident reported that someone vandalized her home with spray paint.

Animal Case 20-007538

600 Block Tazewell Road, NW

September 25 6:33 p.m.

A resident found a dog at large. Officers were unable to locate an owner and transported the dog to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

Assault 20-007551

W&OD Bike Trail

120 Cherry Street, SE

September 26 7:00 p.m.

A man approached a group of juveniles on the bike trail between the Community Center and Vienna Elementary School. The man began verbally harassing the juveniles and attempted to steal a Bluetooth speaker from one of the juvenile's bicycles. When the juvenile attempted to stop him, the man pushed him to the ground. The man also tried to take another juvenile's skateboard. The man made threats to the juveniles before leaving the area.

Destruction of Property 20-007570

500 Block Kibler Circle, SW

September 27 3:30 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of a large amount of water running from a vacant home that was newly built. The doors to the home were secure. A hose was running to one of the windows and a substantial amount of water was observed on the floor of the kitchen and foyer. The builder was notified and believed this was a result of a criminal act.

Suspicious Event 20-007581

1200 Block Cottage Street, SW

September 28 12:51 a.m.

A resident reported that she ended a relationship with her boyfriend and requested he leave the home, however, he was refusing to leave. The man was trespassed from the property and was advised that he may be arrested if he returns.

Arrest - Domestic Assault 20-007582

Patrick Street, SE

September 28 2:22 a.m.

A resident reported that his father had assaulted him. Officers determined that it was the son who assaulted his father.

Ofc. McElhattan arrested the 18-year-old man from Patrick Street, SE, Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Domestic Assault. An Emergency Protective Order was also issued.

Animal Case 20-007586
300 Block East Street, SE
September 28 11:30 a.m.

A resident observed a raccoon eating from her dog's food bowls and then run under the deck. She does not know if her dogs may have been exposed to the raccoon. ACO Barker set a trap in an attempt to catch the raccoon.

Domestic Dispute 20-007592
Commons Drive, NW
September 28 7:50 p.m.

Officers responded to a domestic dispute between a husband and wife who are in the process of divorcing. The wife reported that she hid her husband's gun from him for safety reasons. The wife returned the gun and left the home for the evening.

Assault 20-007594
200 Block Locust Street, SE
September 28 10:29 p.m.

A resident reported that her roommate assaulted her and broke the thermostat in the apartment. The roommate advised that she removed the batteries from the thermostat, making the resident angry and that the resident assaulted her. The roommate agreed to fix the thermostat. Both women were advised of the warrant process should they wish to pursue charges.

Domestic Dispute 20-007595
Glyndon Lane, SE
September 29 12:27 a.m.

A resident and his wife are in the process of divorce. The resident reported that his wife stole personal papers from his journal. The wife returned the papers and both parties agreed to separate for the remainder of the night.

Animal Case – Quarantine 20-007620
100 Block Battle Street, SW
September 30 2:30 p.m.

An employee from Oakton-Vienna Veterinary Hospital reported that he treated a dog for a bite from an unknown animal. The dog's owner advised that her dog was in their backyard when she found the dog had been bitten, but she did not see the animal that caused the injury. The owner was advised of the 45-day quarantine process.

CRASHES

Park Street near Cherry Street, SE 20-007411

September 21 6:34 P.M.

Vehicle-1 was traveling southbound on Park Street approaching the W&OD Bike Trail. Vehicle-2 (a bicycle) was traveling westbound on the trail and was struck by Vehicle-1 as he crossed Park Street.

Maple Avenue and Glyndon Street, SE 20-007412

September 21 8:16 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was northbound on Glyndon Street with the green left turn light to go westbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue, disregarded the red traffic light, and collided with Vehicle-2.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Obey a Traffic Signal.

225 Maple Avenue, East 20-007602

September 22 3:00 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in the parking lot when it was struck by Vehicle-1. Driver-1 fled the scene without providing their information.

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/>



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



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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.**