



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

October 23, 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 16, 2020 – October 22, 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 – Quarantine 20-008032

Vienna Dog Park

700 Courthouse Road, SW

October 9 3:00 p.m.

On October 14, a citizen reported that her husband was at the dog park when their dog got into a fight with another dog. When her husband tried to break up the fight, he was bitten by the other dog. The other dog resides in Fairfax County and the case was referred to the County Animal Control Officer to follow up.

Grand Larceny 20-007925

Michaels

311 Maple Avenue, East

October 14 between 4:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

An employee reported that someone entered the employee lounge and stole her credit card, debit card, and driver's license. Unauthorized charges were made to her debit card.

Vehicle Tampering 20-007923

400 Block Lawyers Road, NNW

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

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

Petit Larceny 20-007946

600 Block Plum Street, SW

Between October 14 at 6:00 p.m. and October 15 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Petit Larceny 20-008078

600 Block Spring Street, SE

Between October 14 at 7:00 p.m. and October 22 at 9:00 a.m.

A resident reported that someone entered her open garage and stole a bicycle.

Grand Larceny 20-007939

T-Mobile

216 Maple Avenue, West

October 15 1:34 p.m.

An employee reported that a man came into the store, stole three cell phones, then ran from the store westbound on Maple Avenue.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 20-007958

Park Street and Locust Street, SE

October 16 1:06 a.m.

Officers responded to the area for a report of a noise complaint. They observed two men leave the area and two women walking away from them, southbound on Park Street. MPO Smith checked the welfare of the women. Upon his interaction with the women, he observed that one of them showed signs of impairment. The women stated they were walking to a friend's apartment at Park Terrace. The officer advised them to go directly to the apartment. However, a short time later, the woman was observed acting disorderly in a parking lot on Locust Street.

MPO Smith arrested the 21-year-old woman from Gardenia Lane in Manassas, Virginia. The woman began to resist arrest and assaulted the officer. MPO Smith transported the woman to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Drunk In Public, Obstructing Justice with Force, and Disorderly Conduct.

Suspicious Event 20-007967

200 Block Locust Street, SE

October 16 4:44 p.m.

A resident reported that she was assaulted by her roommate. Upon the officer's interaction with the resident, he detected signs of impairment and the woman changed her statements regarding the assault. Both roommates were advised to stay away from each other.

Police Service 20-007974

600 Block Meadow Lane, SW

October 16 9:22 p.m.

At the request of Fairfax County Police, officers responded to a resident to check on the welfare of a suicidal juvenile. The juvenile reported that she contacted a school counselor regarding her friend who attempted suicide the previous night. The friend resides in Fairfax County and their department was notified to check on his welfare.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 20-007975

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

October 16 10:47 p.m.

Officers responded to the area for a woman drinking alcohol in a vehicle, and she had a child in the vehicle with her. Upon the officer's interaction with the woman, they detected signs of impairment. A relative was called to take custody of the child.

PFC Gucwa arrested the 30-year-old woman from Wesleyan Street in Vienna. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Driving While Intoxicated While Transporting a Child – Second Offense within Five Years.

Destruction of Property 20-007980

200 Block Lawyers Road, NW

October 17 between 12:01 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

A resident reported that someone threw an egg at her vehicle.

Vandalism 20-007983
300 Block Cabin Road, SE
October 17 1:20 a.m.

A resident reported that someone damaged her house with a paintball.

Shoplifting 20-007985
Giant Food
359 Maple Avenue, East
October 17 2:03 p.m.

An employee reported that two men left the store with two shopping carts of beer without paying. The men fled the area eastbound on Maple Avenue in a pickup truck. The tag on the truck returned to another vehicle that had been reported as stolen.

Found Property 20-007991
100 Block Park Street, SE
October 17 5:51 p.m.

A citizen turned in a found wallet.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 20-007992
Echols Street and Niblick Drive, SE
October 17 6:43 p.m.

A man called the police reporting that he had been kidnapped in Montgomery County, Maryland, and driven to Vienna. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, they detected signs of impairment. Officers also determined that the man had not been the victim of a crime and placed him under arrest.

PFC Gucwa transported the 32-year-old man from Taft Court in Rockville, Maryland to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk in Public.

Domestic Dispute 20-007994
Council Drive, NE
October 17 between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

A resident reported that she had a domestic dispute with her husband. She stated that her husband became angry and began destroying property throughout the home, then gathered his belongings and left the home. (*Reference Incident #20-8010*)

Trespassing 20-008000
Deep Blue Spa
307 Maple Avenue, West, Suite L
October 18 12:35 p.m.

Officers responded to a report of a dispute between the business owner and an employee. The employee was trespassed from the business on October 17. On October 18, she returned to the business and a physical altercation started between the two when the owner assaulted the employee and damaged her cell phone.

The owner was advised of the process to obtain a warrant for trespassing and the employee was advised of the process to obtain warrants for assault and destruction of property should they wish to pursue charges against each other.

Illegal Dumping 20-008002
Southside Park
1317 Ross Drive, SW
October 18 1:15 p.m.

An employee from the Parks and Recreation Department reported that someone abandoned a boat in the parking lot, secured to a utility pole.

Animal Case 20-008008
400 Block Adahi Road, SE
October 19 7:45 a.m.

A resident reported an injured deer stuck in a fence. The officer observed the deer was in grave condition, impaled on multiple prongs of the fence, and euthanized the animal.

Domestic Dispute 20-008010
Council Drive, NE
October 19 8:52 a.m.

A resident reported that her husband was at the home and requested an officer's presence while he collected some of his belongings. (*Reference Incident #20-007994*)

Sex Offense 20-008035
307 Maple Avenue, West
October 20 1:25 p.m.

A citizen reported that when she drove into the parking lot she observed a man standing against the building, exposing himself and masturbating. When officers arrived, they observed a man run from the area, westbound behind the buildings. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate the man.

Petit Larceny 20-008048
Vienna Community Center
120 Cherry Street, SE
October 21 8:25 a.m.

An employee from the Parks and Recreation Department reported that a ballfield groomer was stolen from the ball fields.

Trespassing 20-008065

PNC Bank

353 Maple Avenue, East

October 21 2:49 p.m.

An employee reported that a customer came into the bank and was attempting to receive a wire transfer. When the transfer was unsuccessful, the customer became disorderly, left the bank, and remained in his vehicle in the parking lot. The employee felt threatened by the man and wanted him trespass. Officers spoke to the man and advised him that he may be charged with trespass if he returns to the property.

Assault 20-008069

200 Block Locust Street, SE

October 21 9:07 p.m.

A resident reported that her roommate shoved her and hit her with the refrigerator door. The resident had no visible injuries but requested EMS. Rescue personnel transported the resident to an area hospital for evaluation. The resident was advised of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges against her roommate.

Animal Case 20-008072

100 Block James Drive, SW

October 22 8:30 a.m.

A resident reported an injured fox. ACO Barker found the fox in grave condition and euthanized the animal.

CRASHES

215 Maple Avenue, West 20-007657

October 1 6:30 p.m.

A vehicle was legally parked in the parking lot when it was struck by an unknown vehicle that fled the scene.

Maple Avenue and Follin Lane, SE 20-007871

October 12 10:29 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped in traffic in the right eastbound lane of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was behind Vehicle-2 and accelerated, striking the rear of Vehicle-2.

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

Church Street and Mill Street, NE 20-007926

October 15 11:30 a.m.

Vehicle-1 (a Town of Vienna vehicle) was northbound on Mill Street. Vehicle-2 (being driven by a student driver during a driving lesson) was eastbound on Church Street. Both vehicles stopped at the stop signs, then proceeded into the intersection and collided. Vehicle-2 went up on the curb and impacted a light post, causing minor damage.

500 Block Maple Avenue, West 20-007990

October 17 5:29 p.m.

Two vehicles were in the same lane of traffic, stopped at the red traffic light on eastbound Maple Avenue at Nutley Street. When the light turned green, Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

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

165 Maple Avenue, West

October 19 12:51 p.m.

A citizen reported that an elderly woman struck a legally parked vehicle in the parking lot. The woman attempted to find the owner of the vehicle but was unsuccessful.

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



On October 22, 2020, at approximately 05:30 a.m., Vienna Police officers and members of the United States Marshals Service arrested Saul Alberto Garay-Amaya in Mt. Rainier, Maryland. This arrest resulted from a lengthy and thorough investigation by Vienna Police detectives after receiving information that Garay-Amaya had sexually assaulted a female victim last month. Garay-Amaya has been charged with several felonies, including Sexual Assault and Abduction.

**Please contact MPO Juan Vazquez for further information at juan.vazquez@viennava.gov
or 703-255-7845**



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:
M.P.O. Juan Vazquez - Town of Vienna Police Department
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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, 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.**