



## VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

October 30, 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 23, 2020 – October 29, 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 20-008100**

**500 Block Brentwood Court, NW**

**Between October 7 at 12:00 a.m. and October 23 at 12:28 p.m.**

A resident reported that two checks she had mailed were stolen, forged, and cashed.

**Petit Larceny 20-008044**

**200 Block Moore Avenue, SE**

**Between October 17 at 9:00 p.m. and October 18 at 9:00 a.m.**

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

**Extortion 20-008084**

**100 Block Dogwood Street, SW**

**Between October 18 at 12:00 p.m. and October 22 at 11:45 a.m.**

A resident reported that he met a woman on-line and began corresponding with her through social media, including intimate video chats. The resident then started receiving text messages threatening to release photos of him unless he sent them money.

**Suspicious Person 10-008094**

**Versatile Title and Escrow**

**117 Pleasant Street SW**

**October 19 5:30 p.m.**

On October 23, an employee reported that when she was leaving work on October 19 she observed a man urinating behind the dumpster at the rear of the building.

**Domestic Dispute 20-008087**

**Delano Drive, SE**

**October 22 12:56 p.m.**

Officers responded to a domestic dispute between a resident and her teenage daughter.

**Trespassing 20-008088**

**500 Block Wolftrap Road, SE**

**October 22 3:35 p.m.**

A citizen came to check on the new construction at his property and found a man with his work truck stuck in the mud on the property. A tow truck was called to remove the van from the mud. The man was advised that he was not permitted on the property and may be arrested if he returns.

**Vehicle Tampering 20-008103**

**400 Block Victoria Court, NW**

**Between October 22 at 4:00 p.m. and October 23 at 10:00 a.m.**

A resident reported that someone rummaged through her unlocked vehicle.

**Vehicle Tampering 20-008099**

**600 Block Upham Place, NW**

**October 22 between 8:00 p.m. and 11:59 p.m.**

A resident reported that someone rummaged through her unlocked vehicle.

**Grand Larceny 20-008102**

**600 Block Upham Place, NW**

**October 22 between 8:00 p.m. and 11:59 p.m.**

A resident reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle and stole his wallet and credit cards. Two of his credit cards were used to make unauthorized purchases.

**Petit Larceny 20-008104**

**600 Block Tazewell Road, NW**

**Between October 22 at 8:00 p.m. and October 23 at 7:00 a.m.**

A resident reported that a bicycle was stolen from his carport.

**Suspicious Event 20-008091**

**7-11**

**537 Maple Avenue, West**

**October 22 10:16 p.m.**

Officers responded to the report of an assault. A customer reported that two juveniles were spraying Fabreeze in the store and some of the spray landed on him, which led to a verbal dispute. The customer then attempted to block the cash register while the juveniles made their purchase. Officers determined that juveniles did not intentionally spray the customer and that no assault occurred.

**Grand Larceny 20-008096**

**Nutley Street and Marshall Road, SW**

**October 23 9:30 a.m.**

A Town of Vienna employee reported that the "Welcome To Vienna" sign was stolen from the median on Nutley Street.

**Fraud 20-008190**

**200 Block Commons Drive, NW**

**Between October 23 at 12:00 p.m. and October 28 at 12:00 p.m.**

A resident reported that a check she had mailed was stolen, forged, and cashed.

**Police Service 20-008121**

**300 Block Tapawingo Road, SE**

**October 24 12:50 p.m.**

A resident turned in ammo for destruction.

**Destruction of Property 20-008135**

**100 Block Glyndon Street, NE**

**Between October 24 at 10:00 p.m. and October 25 at 3:00 p.m.**

A resident reported that her residence was struck with paintballs.

**Runaway 20-008128**

**100 Block Yeonas Drive, SW**

**October 24 at 11:00 p.m.**

A resident reported that her teenage son left home with his father against their custody order. On October 26, the juvenile was located by police and determined to be safe at his father's home in New York.

**Vehicle Tampering 20-008141**  
**400 Block Orchard Street, NW**

**Between October 25 at 11:00 a.m. and October 26 at 8:00 a.m.**

A resident reported that someone entered his vehicle and stole his wallet, credit cards, and sunglasses. The credit cards were later used to make unauthorized purchases.

**Destruction of Property 20-008137**  
**1000 Block Hillcrest Drive, Sw**

**Between October 25 at 7:00 p.m. and October 26 at 10:00 a.m.**

A resident reported that someone pulled up three small American flags from her yard and cut them into pieces.

**Assist EMS 20-008145**  
**500 Block Malcolm Road, NW**

**October 26 2:15 p.m.**

Officers responded to assist rescue personnel with a resident suffering a medical emergency and CPR was in progress. Rescue personnel transported the man to an area hospital for treatment.

**Suspicious Event 20-008150**  
**Plaka Grill**

**110 Lawyers Road, NW**

**October 26 7:11 p.m.**

The owner of the restaurant reported that furniture was illegally disposed of in their dumpster.

**Suspicious Event 20-008154**  
**Wolftrap Hotel**

**430 Maple Avenue, West**

**October 27 11:15 a.m.**

A resident reported that she felt threatened by her neighbor at the hotel. The neighbor reported the resident was causing excessive noise. The resident was in the process of moving out of the hotel and both parties agreed to remain civil with each other.

**Assault 20-008160**  
**300 Block Orchard Street, NW**

**October 27 5:05 p.m.**

A resident reported that she was arguing with her sister and niece when her sister struck her. The resident did not wish to pursue charges.

**Vehicle Tampering 20-008172**  
**400 Block Orchard Street, NW**

**Between October 27 at 10:00 p.m. and October 28 at 10:30 a.m.**

A resident reported that someone rummaged through his unlocked vehicle.

**Grand Larceny 20-008165**

**200 Block Walnut Lane, NW**

**Between October 27 at 11:30 p.m. and October 28 at 8:00 p.m.**

A resident reported that someone entered their unlocked vehicle and stole jewelry, a laptop, and binders with football and baseball cards.

**Animal Case 20-008164**

**East Street and Creek Crossing Road, NE**

**October 28 8:00 a.m.**

ACO Barker responded to the report of a sick raccoon on the walking path. He found the raccoon was in grave condition and euthanized the animal.

**Suspicious Event 20-008173**

**900 Block Ware Street, SW**

**October 28 between 8:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.**

A resident reported their neighbor followed her to work, then called her employer and made false statements about her.

**Petit Larceny 20-008179**

**500 Block Old Courthouse Road, NE**

**October 28 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.**

A resident reported that political signs were stolen from his yard.

**Found Property 20-008169**

**300 Block Windover Avenue, NW**

**October 28 9:36 a.m.**

A resident found three baggies of miscellaneous jewelry in his yard.

## **CRASHES**

**Maple Avenue and Niblick Drive, SE 20-008047**

**October 21 7:34 a.m.**

Vehicle-2 was traveling in the left eastbound lane of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was on Niblick Drive, attempting to turn left onto Maple Avenue. As Vehicle-1 entered the roadway, he was struck by Vehicle-2.

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

**300 Block Maple Avenue, West**

**October 29 12:05 p.m.**

Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound in the left lane on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was exiting 370 Maple Avenue, West to enter the left turn lane and collided with Vehicle-2.

## **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**

### **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.**