



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

September 18, 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 11, 2020 – September 17, 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

Civil 20-007316

600 Block Yeonas Drive, SW

Between April 21 at 7:00 a.m. and August 25 at 7:00 a.m.

A resident listed her vehicle for sale on Craigslist. A man notified her with an interest in the vehicle. The resident reported the man has failed to comply with the agreement they made.

Forgery 20-007275

Vienna Post Office

200 Lawyers Road, NW

Between August 30 at 11:00 a.m. and September 2 at 11:00 a.m.

A citizen placed several pieces of mail into the mailbox at the Post Office. Someone broke into the mailbox and stole the contents. The citizen advised the unknown person then altered, forged, and passed a check that he had mailed.

Open Door 20-007182

100 Block Courthouse Road, SW

September 11 between 12:35 p.m. and 1:10 p.m.

A realtor reported that a lockbox at a residence was accessed during a time that no one was supposed to be inside the house. Officers found an unsecured door and searched the residence. No one was located in the home and nothing appeared suspicious.

Police Service 20-007284

200 Block Locust Street, SE

September 11 1:43 p.m.

A resident called to report an incident that she had already filed a report on. After the officer assured the woman that the report was on file, she agreed to follow up with a magistrate to pursue charges in the case.

Police Service 20-007183

374 Maple Avenue, East, Suite 200

September 11 1:46 p.m.

Officers responded to the building twice during the day for the report of an elderly woman in the offices who was refusing to wear a mask and appeared confused. The officers escorted the woman home both times and spoke to family members about services that are available to assist the woman. Adult Protective Services was also notified to see if they could assist the woman.

Domestic Assault 20-007185

Troy Court, SE

September 11 2:02 p.m.

Two brothers have had altercations and disagreements in the past regarding the distribution of their deceased parents' property. One of the men reported that his brother came into the house and began assaulting him. His brother then left the house in a vehicle. The man was advised of the warrant process should he wish to pursue charges against his brother.

Petit Larceny 20-007300

100 Block Dogwood Street, SW

Between September 11 at 9:30 p.m. and September 12 at 9:30 a.m.

A resident reported that someone stole two folding chairs from her vehicle.

Open Door 20-007195

Troy Court, SE

September 11 10:01 p.m.

A trustee for the property requested a check of the property. Officers found an unsecured door and searched the house. No one was located at the residence.

Animal Case – Quarantine 20-007246

Hope Advanced Veterinary Center

140 Park Street, SE

September 12 11:20 a.m.

A dog bit a technician during a medical procedure. The dog was released to go to its home in Reston. The report was forwarded to the Fairfax County Animal Control to follow up on the quarantine.

False Police Report 20-007197

400 Block Branch Road, SE

September 12 12:12 a.m.

Officers and fire personnel responded to the report that someone shot a person in the home and set the kitchen on fire. A short time later, a woman and her juvenile daughter exited the home. It was immediately determined that no incident or fire was occurring in the house and that someone intentionally called in the false report.

Arrest – Domestic Assault 20-007198

Patrick Street, SE

September 12 12:59 a.m.

Officers responded to the report of a domestic assault between a resident and his adult son. Both men reported the other assaulted them and both had visible signs of minor injury. MPO Smith arrested both men and transported them to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where they were each charged with Domestic Assault. Protective Orders were also served against each of the men. The resident was held on an unsecured \$3500 bond until sober. The son was held without bond.

Suspicious Event 20-007211

700 Block Ware Street, SW

September 12 2:50 p.m.

A resident reported that he made an online purchase that FedEx stated was delivered; however, the resident never received the package. It is unknown if the package was delivered to the wrong address, or if someone stole the package.

Found Property 20-007214

Follin Lane and Maple Avenue, SE

September 12 5:53 p.m.

A citizen turned in a set of keys that she found in the roadway.

Found Property 20-007215

1000 Block Park Street, SE

September 12 6:22 p.m.

A resident turned in a laptop that she found.

Suspicious Event 20-007216

400 Block Troy Court, SE

September 12 6:53 p.m.

An executor of an estate reported an ongoing dispute between two brothers who are inheriting the estate. The executor requested officers search the residence to ensure neither of the men was inside the home.

Petit Larceny 20-007277

200 Block Park Street, SE

Between September 14 at 12:01 a.m. and September 15 at 8:00 a.m.

A resident reported a political sign stolen from his yard.

Animal Case – Quarantine 20-007267

600 Block Tazewell Road, NW

September 14 12:20 p.m.

The Fairfax County Health Department advised ACO Barker a man was bitten by a puppy that was considering adopting. The puppy is being temporarily fostered in Town. The foster resident was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

Domestic Dispute 20-007252

Shepherdson Lane, NE

September 14 8:50 p.m.

A resident reported that her adult son became upset with her earlier in the day. Later, while she was away from the home, she received a video of her son destroying property in the home and making threatening statements. The son left the residence before officers arrived. While the officers were at the residence, the son called his father making homicidal and suicidal threats. A felony warrant charging Destruction of Property was obtained and lookouts were sent to local law enforcement agencies.

On September 15, the son was located in Maryland by Montgomery County Police. He was transported to an area hospital for treatment and evaluation after a drug overdose. Once his treatment is complete, he will remain in custody awaiting extradition on the warrant.

Petit Larceny 20-007261

Giant Food

359 Maple Avenue, East

September 15 7:00 a.m.

An employee reported that a former employee stole a beer from the store. The employee was advised of the warrant process should they wish to pursue charges.

Animal Case 20-007266
900 Block Cottage Street, SW
September 15 10:21 a.m.

An officer responded to the report of a sick raccoon. The officer found the animal was in grave condition and euthanized the animal.

Found Property 20-007268
Vienna Police Station
215 Center Street, South
September 15 12:01 p.m.

A key fob was left in the drop box at the police station.

Domestic Dispute 20-007278
Beulah Road, NE
September 15 6:20 p.m.

A resident reported that her teenage son became upset and attempted to leave the home.

Police Service 20-007289
600 Block Niblick Drive, SE
September 16 12:45 p.m.

A resident turned in a BB gun and some ammo for destruction.

Assault 20-007302
7-11
537 Maple Avenue, West
September 16 3:15 p.m.

An employee from 7-11 came to the station to report that a co-worker assaulted her earlier in the day. The employee stated the co-worker shoved her, causing her to fall, and requiring rescue personnel to respond and transport her to a hospital for treatment. The co-worker stated that there was no assault and that the employee was hit by a door that caused her to fall.

The employee was advised of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges.

Suspicious Person 20-007298
Navy Federal Credit Union
820 Follin Lane, SE
September 16 6:39 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a suspicious man. The bank's security personnel advised the man that he was trespassed from the property and that he may be arrested if he returns.

Trespassing 20-007329

Peking Express

103 Center Street, North

September 17 3:37 p.m.

An employee reported that a man has been coming into the restaurant for a year and acting disorderly towards the employees. The man's behaviors were recently becoming more aggressive. Officers located the man in another business. He was trespassed from the restaurant by the employee and was advised that he may be arrested if he returns.

Animal Case 20-007333

200 Block Elm Street, SW

September 17 5:44 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of a sick fox. The officer determined the animal was in grave condition and euthanized the fox.

CRASHES

400 Block Maple Avenue, West 20-007251

September 14 3:00 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Maple Avenue in the left lane of traffic. Driver-1 crossed over the solid yellow line, into a safety zone to get around stopped traffic. Vehicle-2 was exiting a parking lot at 431 Maple Avenue to turn left. As Vehicle-2 entered the roadway, they were struck in the safety zone by Vehicle-1.

Driver-1 was issued a summons for Driving Through a Safety Zone.

Yeonas Park

1319 Ross Drive, SW 20-007299

September 16 8:10 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was parked in the parking lot. Driver-1 exited his vehicle to check the trunk, assuming he had left the vehicle's ignition in park. The vehicle was in reverse and began moving backward from the parking space. The vehicle knocked the driver to the ground, rolled over the curb, down a steep embankment, and came to rest with the rear of the vehicle in the creek. A juvenile passenger who was in the vehicle was not injured.

Kingsley Road and Cottage Street, SW 20-007341

September 17 7:52 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound on Kingsley at Cottage. Vehicle-1 was traveling northbound on Cottage at Kingsley. Both vehicles came to a stop before proceeding into the intersection and colliding.

Nutley Street and Maple Avenue, NW 20-007353

September 17 9:57 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Nutley, turning left to go eastbound on Maple with a green traffic light. Vehicle-1 was in the left turn lane on westbound Maple turning left onto Nutley when the two vehicles collided.

Driver-1 was issued two summonses charging Failure to Maintain Proper Control and No Driver's License.

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



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.**