



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

September 25, 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 18, 2020 – September 24, 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

Suspicious Event 20-007366

Wolftrap Hotel

430 Maple Avenue, West

September 18 11:20 a.m.

A man reported to a hotel employee that he had just been robbed at gunpoint. Officers began searching areas of the hotel where the man advised the gunman fled. Upon further interaction with the man, officers determined that there was no robbery and that the man had been at the hotel acting suspiciously for several hours. The hotel employee trespassed the man from the property and he was advised that he may be arrested if he returns.

Suspicious Event 20-007395

500 Block Council Court, NE

September 18 4:00 p.m.

A resident reported that her juvenile son was playing at a friend's house when an adult approached him and asked if he wanted to go play inside his house. The juveniles immediately ran inside the friend's home and reported the incident.

Trespassing 20-007371

Maple Avenue, West at Center Street, North

September 18 4:50 p.m.

A bus driver with the Fairfax Connector and her supervisor reported a disorderly passenger on the bus. The passenger was being verbally abusive towards the driver and had previous incidents of acting disorderly on the bus. The passenger was trespassed from all Fairfax Connector buses.

Found Property 20-007389

Vienna Police Station

215 Center Street, South

September 20 12:30 p.m.

A citizen turned in a found credit card.

Assault 20-007393

200 Block Locust Street, SE

September 20 6:50 p.m.

A resident reported that her roommate locked her out of her apartment. When the roommate opened the door, the resident became belligerent with her. Both parties agreed to remain in separate rooms. Shortly after the officers left, the resident reported that her roommate's friend assaulted her. The resident was advised of the warrant process if she wished to pursue charges.

Vehicle Tampering 20-007399

1100 Block Ware Street, SW

Between September 20 at 11:00 p.m. and September 21 at 8:30 a.m.

A resident reported that someone entered his two unlocked vehicles and rummaged through them.

Petit Larceny 20-007405
On Edge Hair & Nail Studio
155 Glyndon Street, SE
September 20 11:30 p.m.

On September 21, an employee reported that a man attempted to steal a chair from outside of the business the previous night. The larceny was stopped when an employee from another business confronted the man.

Animal Case 20-007401
300 Block Sherwood Drive, NE
September 21 9:46 a.m.

Officers responded to the report of a deer stuck in a fence. The Animal Control Officer determined that the deer was in grave condition and the animal was euthanized.

Animal Case 20-007404
600 Block Blackstone Terrace, NW
September 21 12:30 p.m.

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

Petit Larceny 20-007428
400 Block Maple Avenue, West
September 22 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

A cab driver reported that they picked up a fare in the Wawa parking lot. After driving the fare around for a couple of hours, they returned to the parking lot where fare exited the vehicle and advised she would get money to pay the driver. However, the fare never returned with the payment.

Found Property 20-007472
100 Block Courthouse Road, SW
September 22 3:55 p.m.

A resident found a mailbox in his driveway.

Extortion 20-007438
1100 Block Desale Street, SW
September 22 5:50 p.m.

A resident reported that he met a woman through an internet dating site, began corresponding with her through social media, and exchanged intimate photos. A few days later, the resident received a phone call from a man threatening to release the photos if the resident did not send him money.

Petit Larceny 20-007479
900 Block Farley Court, SE
September 23 between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

A resident reported that someone stole lumber from his yard.

Suspicious Event 20-007462

Cigar and More

386 Maple Avenue, East, #106

September 23 10:30 a.m.

An employee at the cigar shop and a customer going to another business got into a confrontation over a parking space.

Petit Larceny 20-007471

800 Block Desale Street, SW

September 23 between 11:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

A resident reported that his recycling bin was stolen from his yard and that a sign in his yard was moved.

Found Property 20-007478

400 Block Echols Street, SE

September 23 7:01 p.m.

A citizen turned in a found wallet.

Fraud 20-007494

200 Block Lewis Street, NW

September 24 3:04 p.m.

A resident reported fraudulent charges on one of his credit cards.

CRASHES

Branch Road, near Maple Avenue, SE 20-007318

September 17 12:58 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Branch Road. Vehicle-1 was turning left from the parking lot of 359 Maple Avenue onto Branch Road when the vehicles collided.

100 Block Patrick Street, SE 20-7357

September 18 7:00 a.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.

400 Block Courthouse Road, SW 20-7386

September 20 2:11 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling north on Courthouse Road near Meadow Lane Park. Driver-1 fell asleep and the vehicle went over the curb, struck the guardrail, and speed limit sign before coming to a stop.

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

301 Maple Avenue, West 20-007470

September 23 2:30 p.m.

Vehicle-1 (a large truck) was turning into the parking lot when it struck low hanging telephone wires, which caused the wires to knock down a pedestrian crossing device.

Kingsley Road and Cottage Street, SW 20-007475

September 23 5:22 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling east on Kingsley Road through the intersection of Cottage Street. Vehicle-1 was traveling southbound on Cottage Street when she collided with Vehicle-2.

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

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.**