



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

September 4, 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 August 28, 2020 – September 3, 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

Malicious Wounding 20-006927

Mashie Drive, SE

Between March 1 at 12:00 p.m. and June 11 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident believes that a man she was involved in a relationship with intentionally withheld information from her that he had a sexually transmitted disease, and he caused her to contract the disease.

Suspicious Event 20-006970

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

Between August 17 at 12:01 a.m. and September 3 3:00 p.m.

A resident reported that he placed an order for three packages that he had not received. He spoke to his roommate about the packages. A short time later, the roommate advised the resident that the packages were in his hamper.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 20-006708

Vienna Police Station

215 Center Street South

August 24 11:00 a.m. and August 25 5:00 p.m.

On August 24, an emotionally disturbed woman came into the Vienna Police Station requesting assistance with a civil dispute. During the interaction with the officers, it was determined that the woman needed medical assistance. Rescue personnel responded and transported the woman to a medical facility.

On August 25, the woman returned to the Vienna Police Station requesting assistance with the same civil dispute. Officers provided her with suggestions to resolve her civil matter, however, the woman refused to leave the station. The woman remained in the lobby for two hours before requesting medical assistance. Rescue personnel responded to the station and transported the woman to a medical facility.

Vehicle Tampering 20-006832

500 Block Walker Street, SW

Between August 27 at 1:30 p.m. and August 28 at 10:50 a.m.

A resident reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle and rummaged through his glove box and center console.

Vehicle Tampering 20-006827

500 Block Walker Street, SW

Between August 27 at 2:00 p.m. and August 28 at 8:27 a.m.

A resident reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle and rummaged through his glove box and center console.

Petit Larceny 20-006842

500 Block Walker Street, SW

Between August 27 at 3:00 p.m. and August 28 at 1:01 p.m.

A resident reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle and stole some coins from the console.

Petit Larceny 20-006826

100 Block Casmar Street, SE

Between August 27 at 4:00 p.m. and August 28 at 8:00 a.m.

A resident reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle and stole some coins from the console.

Petit Larceny 20-006828

100 Block Casmar Street, SE

Between August 27 at 7:30 p.m. and August 28 at 8:30 a.m.

A resident reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle and stole currency.

Vehicle Tampering 20-006860

300 Block Holmes Drive, NW

Between August 27 at 9:00 p.m. and August 28 at 8:00 a.m.

A resident reported that someone entered her unlocked vehicle and stole currency.

Grand Larceny 20-006830

1100 Walker Circle, SW

August 28 between 12:15 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.

A resident reported that someone entered her locked government vehicle. Several items were stolen from the trunk of the vehicle, one of the items was recovered in the yard of another residence. The resident also reported that someone had entered her second vehicle that was unlocked. (*Reference Incident #20-006825*).

Stolen Property Recovered 20-006825

1000 Block Ware Street, SW

August 28 7:30 a.m.

A resident turned in recovered stolen property that he found in his front yard. The property was later returned to the owner. (*Reference Incident #20-006830*).

Found Property 20-006861

500 Block Walker Street, SW

August 28 8:00 a.m.

A resident turned in a driver's license and credit cards they found in a yard.

Grand Larceny 20-6866

100 Block Kingsley Road, SW

Between August 28 at 7:00 p.m. and August at 29 6:15 p.m.

A resident reported that someone stole a Mitre saw from his unsecured garage.

Domestic Dispute 20-006850

Elm Street, SW

August 28 8:04 p.m.

A resident reported having a domestic dispute with his uncle.

Suspicious Vehicle 20-006865

Yeonas Park

1319 Ross Drive, SW

August 29 3:47 p.m.

An officer observed a vehicle occupied by three adults, parked in Yeonas Park. The officer ran the vehicle's license plates and determined that the owner was wanted in Missouri on an outstanding warrant. The authorities in Missouri declined to extradite from Virginia. The woman was advised of the warrant and the measures she could take to resolve the issue. The occupants were advised that Yeonas Park was a private park, and they were advised of other Town parks that they could move to.

Animal Case 20-006871

Nutley Street and Princeton Terrace, SW

August 30 4:28 a.m.

An officer responded to a report of an injured deer. The officer observed the animal was in grave condition and euthanized the deer.

Civil Case 20-006878

200 Block Locust Street, SE

August 30 between 1:00 p.m. and 1:15 p.m.

A resident requested police assistance with a domestic dispute. Officers responded to the residence, after speaking to all parties involved, it was determined that no violation of law had taken place. Officers were able to mediate a solution for the disagreement between the residents.

Grand Larceny 20-006923

200 Block Lawyers Road, NW

Between September 1 at 6:30 p.m. and September 2 at 6:30 a.m.

A resident reported that someone entered her unlocked vehicle and stole cigarettes and a cashier's check. She also reported that a bicycle was left in their driveway. (*Reference Incident #20-006949*).

Found Property 20-006949

200 Block Lawyers Road, NW

Between September 1 at 6:30 p.m. and September 2 at 6:30 a.m.

A resident reported that a bicycle was abandoned in her driveway. It appears the saddlebags on the bicycle had been rummaged through.

20-006941

700 Block Birch Street, SW

September 2 7:30 a.m.

A resident reported that the right rear window of his vehicle was smashed while the vehicle was parked on the roadway. Nothing was missing from the vehicle. The damage may have been caused by a lawn care company that had recently cut the neighbor's grass.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 20-006936

Vienna Town Hall

127 Center Street, South

September 2 2:06 p.m.

Employees reported a man who was acting disorderly at Town Hall. Officers located the man filling out a job application form. One of the employees reported that the man was making threatening remarks to her when she refused to notarize a form for him without proper identification. The employee declined to press charges and the man agreed to leave the building.

Petit Larceny 20-006937

300 Block Maple Avenue, East

September 2 2:55 p.m.

A cab driver reported that he picked up a fare in the Tyson's Corner area and transported him to the Giant Food parking lot. The fare exited the cab and fled the area without paying.

Police Service 20-006950

Old Courthouse Road, NE

September 3 8:32 a.m.

Officers responded with rescue personnel for a possible overdose. The resident reported that her teenage daughter had not taken any medication or other substances. Rescue personnel transported the juvenile to an area medical facility for evaluation.

Trespassing 20-006961

302 Maple Avenue, West

September 3 12:27 p.m.

An employee reported that a man came into the doctor's office without a mask and they had to repeatedly ask him to leave. Officers located the man inside the Burke and Herbert Bank. The man was trespassed from the doctor's office and advised he may be arrested if he returned to the office. The bank manager requested the man leave the bank; however, he was not permanently trespassed from the bank.

Suspicious Event 20-006978

100 Block Elmar Drive, SE

September 3 5:00 p.m.

A resident reported that she was in her front yard when a man approached her, questioning her about running an illegal business out of the residence. Officers spoke to the man and found he was a legitimate businessman from California who came to Vienna because he found that someone was selling his company's bags and advertising the residence as the business address. The man was advised that someone was using the address as a scam and the resident was not involved.

CRASHES

Maple Avenue, East 20-006630

August 20 8:11 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped at the red traffic signal at Maple Avenue East / Beulah Road in the right lane, traveling Eastbound. Vehicle-1 was traveling Eastbound directly behind Vehicle-2 and failed to stop in time, rear-ending Vehicle-2. Driver-2 was transported by rescue personnel to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

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

100 Block Church Street, NE 20-006786

August 27 2:15 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Church Street when it struck Vehicle-2, a legally parked vehicle.

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

400 Block Maple Avenue, East 20-006846

August 28 3:00 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound on Maple Avenue in adjacent lanes. Vehicle-1 attempted to change from the left lane into the right lane and impacted Vehicle-2's rear quarter panel. The damage was minor and there were no injuries.

Maple Avenue and Lawyers Road, NW 20-006963

September 3 1:12 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound in traffic on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 stopped past the white line for the red traffic signal at Lawyers Road. When Driver-1 attempted to back up, he struck Vehicle-2 causing minor damage to both vehicles.

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.**