



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

March 26, 2021

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from March 19, 2021 – March 25, 2021. 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.****

The Vienna Police Department would like to warn citizens that mail has been stolen from the US Post Office collection boxes at the corner of Church St NW and Lawyers Rd NW after being broken into several times this year. The most recent incident occurred overnight from November 22nd to November 23rd. If you used these mailboxes during that time, please ensure that any checks, banknotes, or other important mail reached its intended destination. Mail theft or tampering is investigated by the US Postal Inspection Service and may be reported via their website at <https://www.uspis.gov/report/>. The Vienna Police department cooperates fully with their investigations and forwards all mail theft reports to the Postal Inspection Service. If you see suspicious activity at the mail collection boxes, contact the Vienna Police Department for an immediate response.

To avoid theft, citizens are advised to use the collection mailboxes inside the post office.

INCIDENTS

Lost Property 21-001598

1000 Block Fairway Drive, NE

Between December 28, 2020, at 9:46 a.m. and March 25, 2021, at 9:46 a.m.

A resident reported that his infant daughter's birth certificate and social security card are missing from the home.

Fraud 21-001468

Karin's Florist

527 Maple Avenue, East

February 14 12:23 p.m.

An employee reported that someone fraudulently used another person's credit card to order a flower delivery.

Trespassing 21-001394

Navy Federal Credit Union

820 Follin Lane, SE

March 16 1:30 a.m.

(Reference March 19, 2021 Highlights - Unlawful Entry Incident #21-001393)

The man who fled from the residence on Valley Drive ran onto the property of the Navy Federal Credit Union. Security has trespassed the man from their property and he will be charged with trespassing if he returns.

Suspicious Event 21-001428

Dunkin Donuts

314 Maple Avenue, West

March 17 3:15 p.m.

A female juvenile reported that she was harassed by an older man in the Dunkin Donuts' parking lot. When the juvenile observed that the man appeared to be waiting for her to exit the store, she requested an employee escort her to her vehicle. As the juvenile drove away, the man appeared to follow her for several blocks.

Found Property 21-001474

Vienna Police Station

301 Center Street, South

March 19 9:22 a.m.

A citizen left a set of keys in the police station lockbox.

Vandalism 21-001478

Elks Lodge

250 Nutley Street, NW

March 19 9:37 a.m.

A resident was walking his dog past the Elks Lodge when he observed an individual vandalizing a vehicle. When the resident confronted the individual, he fled the area in a vehicle. The owner of the damaged vehicle was notified and it was determined that her granddaughter had driven the vehicle to school at James Madison High School that day. School Security, the Madison School Resource Officer, and our officers are investigating this case.

Police Service 21-001490

Vienna Police Station

301 Center Street, South

March 19 10:04 p.m.

Common Ground Crisis Center notified the police department of a possible suicidal subject. The name the subject provided is the same name used in other similar false complaints made to our department (*Reference February 26, 2021 Highlights, Incident #21-000937*). An officer notified the mother of the juvenile responsible for the other incidents. When the mother checked on the juvenile in her room, she found that she had injured herself. Fairfax County Police were immediately notified to respond to their home.

Animal Case 21-001497

800 Block Glyndon Street, SE

March 20 10:57 a.m.

An officer responded to the report of a found dog. Attempts to locate an owner were unsuccessful. The dog was transported to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

Destruction of Property 21-001600

300 Block Maple Avenue, West

Between March 20 at 12:04 p.m. and March 25 at 12:04 p.m.

A citizen reported that she was running errands in Town when someone damaged her vehicle, leaving a long scratch along the vehicle's passenger side.

Vandalism 21-001538

300 Block Tapawingo Road, SE

March 20 between 9:38 p.m. and 10:05 p.m.

A contractor reported that someone entered a home under construction and vandalized the walls with spray paint.

Animal Case 21-001533

2500 James Madison Drive

March 21 12:00 p.m.

A citizen reported that she was walking her dog in the rear parking lot when they encountered a man walking his dog. The two dogs got into a fight, and the citizen had to separate them physically. During the fight, she suffered some minor scrapes, and her dog received a minor abrasion on the face. Both dogs are current on their vaccines, and no medical attention was required.

Suspicious Event 21-001521

1100 Lakewood Drive, SW

March 21 7:43 p.m.

A resident received an Amazon package that he had not ordered. A short time later he received a text message from an unknown person asking if he had gotten the delivery.

Assault 21-001523

Mike's Warehouse

260 Cedar Lane, SE

March 21 8:04 p.m.

A man was having a civil dispute with an employee when another customer, a woman, began arguing with the man. The argument escalated to a physical altercation in the parking lot. A security guard broke up the altercation and the woman left the area before officers arrived. The man was advised of the warrant process should he wish to pursue charges.

Petit Larceny 21-001561

CVS

337 Maple Avenue, East

March 22 12:38 p.m.

On March 23, an employee reported that someone entered the store the previous day and stole razors and curling irons.

Police Service 21-001563
600 Block Hine Street, SE
March 23 2:59 p.m.

A resident reported that he had a cannonball that he wanted to dispose of. The resident found the cannonball while gardening in his yard several years ago. Officers responded with members of the Fairfax County Police EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) Team. EOD took custody of the munitions for destruction.

Police Service 21-001578
400 Block West Court, NW
March 24 10:18 a.m.

A resident turned a gun in for destruction.

Narcotics Violation 21-001579
100 Block Oak Street, SW
March 24 10:58 a.m.

A resident reported that they found possible drugs and paraphernalia in their adult son's possession. Officers did not find any narcotics. The paraphernalia was taken for destruction. The son agreed to leave the home for a few days. The resident was advised of the eviction process.

Assist EMS 21-001585
400 Block Dominion Road, SE
March 24 6:17 p.m.

Officers responded with rescue personnel for the report of a woman lying in the grass, screaming. Officers found the woman partially clothed, crying, and acting disorderly. It was determined the woman was suffering from an overdose of alcohol. Rescue transported the woman to an area hospital for treatment.

Civil Dispute 21-001589
100 Block Patrick Street, SE
March 24 11:40 p.m.

Officers responded to a civil dispute between roommates over the rent.

Assault 21-001604
Chick-fil-A
538 Maple Avenue, West
March 25 1:45 p.m.

An employee reported that a woman parked her vehicle in the drive-thru line, walked into the restaurant, and began acting disorderly. When the employee asked her to leave, she crawled out the drive-thru window, kicking the manager, and throwing food at a customer. The woman got back into her vehicle, drove onto Maple Avenue, parked her car on the roadway, and began trying to climb into a delivery truck that was stopped in traffic. The woman got back into her vehicle and fled the area before officers arrived.

Found Property 21-001605
Church Street and Dominion Road, NE
March 25 5:58 p.m.

A citizen found a wallet in the area.

CRASHES

Locust Street and Park Street, SE 21-001513

March 21 2:50 a.m.

A vehicle struck a reflector pole in the intersection. The driver then fled the scene without stopping. The vehicle was located when a resident in the 600 Block Valley Drive, SE reported it as a suspicious vehicle. It appears the driver and occupant abandoned the vehicle at this location and left in another vehicle.

600 Block Kingsley Road, SW 21-001587

March 24 8:23 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped on Kingsley Road, turning left into a driveway. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

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

Mill Street near Maple Avenue, NE 21-001599

March 25 9:52 a.m.

Vehicle-2 (a tractor-trailer) was stopped at a stop sign, turning right onto Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was behind Vehicle-2. Driver-2 attempted to drive around the right of Vehicle-1 and was sideswiped by it.

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.

CITIZEN NOTES



HARD HAT CORNER

WEEK OF MARCH 29, 2021

- Complete site clearing, earthwork, and grading
- Start building excavation to tie backs
- Continue installing storm sewer from school parking to Center St
- Delivery of H piles for retaining wall

WEEK OF APRIL 5, 2021

- Start install of sheeting and shoring wall
- Continue with earthwork and excavating
- Continue installing storm sewer on Center St.
- Start excavating to tie-backs

**** As we move forward with the new facility's construction, Chief Morris is committed to keeping the Vienna community informed and involved in the process. A link has also been established on the Town of Vienna website (<https://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=1225>) for your information.**

On December 10, 2020, Governor Northam issued Executive Order #72, which incorporates earlier Executive Orders Sixty-Three Sixty-Seven that will take effect on Monday, December 14, 2020, at 12:01 a.m. This amended order remains in effect until rescinded or amended by further executive order. Questions, concerns, and complaints of this order's violations should be directed to the VA Department of Health at 1-877-275-8343.

For more information about COVID-19, navigate to <https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus-updates/>
The full text of Executive Order Seventy-Two is available [here](#)



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release Operations Modifications in

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.**



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.**