



## VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

April 2, 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 26, 2021 – April 1, 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](mailto:Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov))

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**\*\*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**

**Police Service 21-001656**

**Navy Federal Credit Union**

**820 Follin Lane, SE**

**March 17 12:00 p.m.**

A citizen reported that she had checks stolen from her mailbox in Manassas and they may have been cashed at the Vienna branch of the Navy Federal Credit Union. The citizen reported the theft to the Manassas Police Department, which has jurisdiction over the theft.

**Illegal Dumping 21-1669**

**200 Block Park Terrace Court, SE**

**March 19 11:07 a.m.**

On March 29, a resident reported that her neighbor has been throwing miscellaneous items onto her balcony for several days including, human waste, trash, and empty bottles.

**Assault 21-001546**

**Giant Food**

**359 Maple Avenue, East**

**March 22 5:54 p.m.**

A store security employee observed a man concealing alcohol. As the man left the store, the employee confronted him. The man pushed the employee out of the way and fled the area in a vehicle.

**Illegal Dumping 21-001649**

**200 Block Park Terrace Court, SE**

**March 22 7:00 p.m.**

On March 27, a resident reported that on March 22, her neighbor threw plastic bags containing human waste onto her balcony. Officers attempted to speak to the neighbor but were unable to make contact with her.

**Residential Alarm 21-001569**  
**200 Block Cherry Street, SW**  
**March 23 7:18 p.m.**

Officers responded to a residential alarm. A citizen who was taking care of the house for the homeowner was at the home. Officers searched the home and found nothing that appeared suspicious or out of place.

**Lost Property 21-001701**  
**100 Block Church Street, NE**  
**March 25 between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.**

A resident reported that her juvenile daughter lost her wallet, containing a debit card and other miscellaneous cards, in the area of Church Street Pizza.

**Assault 21-001631**  
**Vienna Post Office**  
**200 Lawyers Road, NW**  
**March 26 4:37 p.m.**

A citizen was using the self-service kiosk inside the post office when another customer came in and pushed the citizen to move him out of the way so he could use the kiosk. When the citizen confronted the other customer, the man punched him and left the post office. The man was not in the area when officers arrived. The citizen was not injured.

**Lost Property 21-001676**  
**300 Block Jade Court, NW**  
**Between March 27 at 12:00 p.m. and March 29 at 3:12 p.m.**  
A resident reported that he lost his work VISA.

**Assault 21-001651**  
**Noodles & Company**  
**201 Maple Avenue, East**  
**March 27 between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

An employee reported that she was inappropriately touched by another employee while working near the register. The employee was advised of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges.

**Suspicious Event 21-001658**  
**Vienna Tiny Tots Village**  
**204 Courthouse Road, SW**  
**March 28 3:17 p.m.**

The owner of the daycare reported that they received inappropriate photos through Facebook Messenger.

**Domestic Dispute 21-001659**

**Orchard Street, NW**

**March 28 4:37 p.m.**

Officers responded to a dispute between family members. The parties agreed to separate and leave the residence.

**Found Property 21-001699**

**800 Block Cottage Street, SW**

**March 30 11:27 a.m.**

A citizen found a purse in the area of Cottage Street and Plum Street, SW.

**CRASHES**

**Nutley Street and Kingsley Road, SW 21-001562**

**March 23 2:20 p.m.**

Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound in the left lane on Nutley Street. Vehicle-1 was westbound on Kingsley, turning left to go southbound on Nutley Street when the two vehicles collided.

**Center Street and Church Street, NW 21-001627**

**March 26 2:38 p.m.**

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on Church at Center Street. Vehicle-1 was traveling southbound on Center Street when it struck Vehicle-2.

**Maple Avenue and Glyndon Street, NE 21-001652**

**March 28 3:25 a.m.**

Vehicle-1 was traveling southbound on Glyndon Street, NE, approaching Maple Avenue. Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Maple Avenue. Driver-1 failed to stop for the flashing traffic light and Vehicle-1 collided with Vehicle-2. Driver-2 complained of pain but refused rescue. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Yield Right of Way.

**1000 Block Cottage Street, SW 21-001668**

**March 29 10:00 a.m.**

Vehicle-1 (a Town pickup truck) was parking on Cottage Street when the passenger mirror clipped a mailbox. Damage was done to the vehicle mirror. The mailbox was not damaged.

**Courthouse Road, SW near Maple Avenue, West 21-001703**

**March 30 2:30 p.m.**

Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Courthouse Road. Vehicle-1 was behind Vehicle-2. Driver-2 slowed for a vehicle that was entering the roadway from a parking lot. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2. Driver-2 was transported by rescue personnel to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Following Too Closely.

## **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.

## **CITIZEN NOTES**



### **HARD HAT CORNER**

#### **Week of April 05, 2021**

- Start driving piles for sheathing and shoring wall.
- Continue with earthwork and excavating.
- Continue installing storm sewer on Center St.
- Start excavation to tie-backs.

#### **Week of April 12, 2021**

- Start installing wood lagging to tie back bench.
- Start installing tie-backs.
- Grout tie-backs.
- Continue excavation and backfill.

**\*\* 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://vienna.prod.govaccess.org/your-government/town-departments-at-your-service/police/police-station-construction/-fsiteid-1>) 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.**