



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

March 19, 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 12, 2021 – March 18, 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

Fraud 21-001425

**The Vienna Clock Shop
109 Church Street, NE**

Between January 26 at 3:30 p.m. and March 1 at 3:30 p.m.

The owner of the clock shop reported that someone made a purchase using a credit card. The purchase was shipped to an address in Quebec, Canada. The owner of the credit card has reported that this was an unauthorized purchase and the sale was being charged back to the Clock Shop

Vandalism 21-001331

200 Block Glyndon Street, NE

Between March 11 at 7:00 p.m. and March 12 at 9:00 a.m.

A resident reported that her mailbox was knocked over.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated, Destruction of Property, and Accident 21-001345

600 Block Upham Place, NW

March 12 6:50 p.m.

A vehicle was traveling westbound on Upham Place when the driver veered right and struck a parked vehicle. The driver then crossed over the center line, ran over the curb, and struck a mailbox. The vehicle continued back over the center line, across the curb on the westbound side of the roadway, and came to a stop in a yard on Colony Court. Upon the officers' interaction with the driver, they detected signs of impairment.

Ofc. McElhattan arrested the 49-year-old woman from Osage Court in Ashburn, Virginia. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Destruction of Property.

Residential Alarm 21-001354
200 Block Glyndon Street, SE
March 13 12:45 a.m.

Officers responding to the report of an alarm at a residence found an unsecured door. They searched the home, located the homeowner, and determined nothing appeared to have been disturbed.

Suspicious Event 21-001360
Manhattan Bagel
310 Maple Avenue, West
March 13 11:30 a.m.

A citizen reported that her teenage daughter was at Manhattan Bagel with her friends when they observed an elderly man recording them.

Arrest – Possession of False Identification, Driving on Revoked License, and Accident
21-1363
Maple Avenue and Glyndon Street, SE
March 13 6:57 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was in the left westbound lane of Maple Avenue, attempting to turn left into Glyndon Shopping Center. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2. Upon the officer's interaction with Driver-1, they found he had a fictitious identification in his possession and his driving privilege was revoked in Virginia.

Ofc. McElhattan arrested the 49-year-old man from Gibson Drive, SW in Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving on a Revoked License, Possession of False Identification, and given a summons charging Following Too Closely.

Animal Case – Quarantine 21-001380
900 Block Lauren Lane, SE
March 13 7:00 p.m.

The Health Department reported that a resident was bitten by her cat. The resident advised the cat accidentally bit her while they were playing. The cat was placed on a 10-day quarantine.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 21-001377

Wawa

465 Maple Avenue, West

March 15 2:32 a.m.

Officers responded to the report of someone live-streaming themselves consuming alcohol while sitting in the driver's seat of a vehicle. Ofc. McElhattan observed an occupied vehicle in the Wawa parking lot. Upon the officer's interaction with the occupant, he detected signs of impairment. The man also had alcohol, marijuana, tobacco, and fictitious licenses in his possession.

Ofc. McElhattan arrested the 18-year-old man from Huntrace Way in Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk in Public, Possession of Alcohol Under Age 21, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Fictitious Driver's License, and Possession of Tobacco Under Age 21.

Arrest – Burglary 21-001395

Belong! Vienna

133 Park Street, NE

Between March 15 at 6:00 p.m. and March 16 at 8:30 a.m.

On March 16, an employee reported that someone forced entry into two of their offices overnight, causing damage to the two doors. A debit card was stolen from a desk in one of the offices. The stolen card was in the possession of a man arrested in a separate incident that occurred earlier that morning.

On March 17, PFC Gucwa obtained a warrant charging Burglary with the Intent to Commit Larceny and served the warrant on the 58-year-old man with no fixed address who was already incarcerated at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center on other charges. (*Reference Incident #21-001387, 21-001393, and 21-001407*).

Arrest – Burglary 21-001407

Committee for Helping Others

133 Park Street, NE

March 15 6:00 p.m. and March 16 8:30 a.m.

An employee reported someone forced entry into their business and rummaged through it. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

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Arrest - Unlawful Entry 21-001387

Christ Church Vienna

145 Church Street, NW

March 15 11:25 p.m.

An associate was working at the Church when he observed a man entering the building through a window. The man fled the area before officers arrived, but was later identified in another incident.

PFC Gucwa arrested the 58-year-old man with no fixed address. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Unlawful Entry. (*Reference Incident #21-001393, 21-001395, and 21-001407*).

Open Door 21-001388

Leggett Wealth Management

101 Church Street, NW

March 15 11:53 p.m.

Officers were searching the area (*reference Incident #21-001387*) when they found an open door at the business. Officers searched the office and found that nothing appeared to have been disturbed.

Open Door 21-001389

111 Church Street, NW (formerly Anytime Fitness, now vacant)

March 15 11:55 p.m.

Officers were searching the area (*reference Incident #21-001387*) when they found an open door to the vacant gym. Officers searched the gym and found that nothing appeared to have been disturbed.

Arrest – Unlawful Entry 21-001393

600 Block Valley Drive, SE

March 16 1:06 a.m.

A resident reported that an unknown man entered their home. The man fled into the woods after the resident's husband chased him from the home. Officers located the man after he entered the property of the Navy Federal Credit Union, west of Follin Lane.

PFC Gucwa arrested the 58-year-old man with no fixed address. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with a second count of Unlawful Entry. (*Reference Incident #21-001387, 21-001395, and 21-001407*).

Death – Unknown Cause 21-001449

200 Block Ross Drive, SW

Between March 16 at 12:00 p.m. and March 18 at 2:30 p.m.

Officers responded with rescue personnel for a medical emergency. The resident reported that she was concerned for her tenant's welfare after she had not seen him for a couple of days.

When the resident entered the tenant's room they found him unresponsive. Rescue personnel found the man was deceased in his bed.

Fraud 21-001411

The Clock Shop of Vienna

109 Church Street, NW

March 16 2:43 p.m.

The owner of the clock shop reported that someone was using his personnel information in an attempt to gain unemployment benefits.

Assault 21-001415

400 Block Nutley Street, NW

March 16 6:11 p.m.

A resident reported that he was assaulted by his cousin. The cousin left the area before officers arrived. The resident was advised of the warrant process should he wish to pursue charges.

Illegal Dumping 21-001416

200 Block Park Terrace Court, SE

March 16 7:00 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a resident throwing trash and personal belongings out of a condo window and onto the common area behind the building. Officers attempted to speak to the resident, but she refused. Mobil Crisis was notified and will follow up with the resident. This case is under investigation.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 21-001450

200 Block Maple Avenue, West

March 18 11:43 a.m.

Officers responded to the report of an accident. Upon the officers' interaction with one of the drivers, they detected signs of impairment.

Sgt. Kiley arrested the 48-year-old woman from Surrey Lane, SE in Vienna. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she provided a sample of her breath for analysis and was charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

Police Service 21-001451

Vienna Arsenal

386 Maple Avenue, East

March 18 3:27 p.m.

Officers assisted Federal Agents in searching for a man they were interested in interviewing.

CRASHES

500 Block Wolftrap Road, SE 21-001357

February 28 9:30 a.m.

An unknown vehicle ran off the roadway and struck a Town of Vienna fire hydrant.

Cottage Street and Walker Street, SW 21-001329

March 12 9:50 a.m.

Two vehicles were traveling northbound on Cottage Street. Vehicle-2 slowed for another vehicle. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2. Rescue responded and treated Driver-2 at the scene for a minor injury.

Town Property Yard

600 Mill Street, NE 21-001414

March 16 3:54 p.m.

Vehicle-1 (a Town vehicle) was backing up and struck Vehicle-2 (also a Town vehicle).

Branch Road and Maple Avenue, SE 21-001433

March 17 11:47 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was in the left turn lane on Branch Road to turn onto Maple Avenue. Vehicle-2 was behind Vehicle-1. A tractor-trailer was traveling westbound on Maple Avenue, turning left onto Branch Road. Driver-1 was attempting to accommodate the trailer and began backing up his vehicle and striking Vehicle-2.

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 22, 2021

- Start storm sewer installation in school parking lot
- Continue with vertical demolition
- Start site clearing, earthwork, and grading

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

**** 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.**