



## VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

January 8, 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 December 30, 2020 – January 7, 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**

**Fraud 20-009370**

**900 Block Echols Street, SE**

**Between September 28 at 12:01 a.m. and December 30 at 12:01 a.m.**

A resident reported that a check she mailed was stolen, forged, and cashed. It was discovered the resident mailed the check in Merrifield, Virginia. The resident was advised to contact the US Postal Inspector to file a report.

**Fraud 21-000048**

**100 Block Dogwood Street, SW**

**Between November 17 at 4:45 p.m. and November 27 at 12:00 p.m.**

A resident reported that a check he mailed at the mailbox on Church Street and Lawyers Road, NW was stolen, forged, and cashed.

**Fraud 21-000024**

**1100 Block Cottage Street, SW**

**Between December 10 at 12:00 p.m. and January 2 at 5:00 p.m.**

A resident reported that he was contacted by two people claiming to be with PayPal security. They advised the resident that a fraudulent purchase was made on his PayPal account. They convinced the resident to purchase gift cards, provide them with the card information, and access his computer.

**Fraud 21-000006**

**200 Block Commons Drive, NW**

**Between December 25 at 4:00 p.m. and December 28 at 9:57 a.m.**

A resident responded to a post on Craig's List to purchase a gaming console. She sent a partial payment to the seller, with the remainder to be sent upon receiving the console. The resident later determined the transaction was fraudulent.

**Fraud 20-009388**

**500 Block Marshall Road, SW**

**December 28 3:00 p.m.**

A citizen reported that he purchased a vehicle through the Facebook Market Place website. He met with the seller in the parking lot of Vienna Baptist Church to complete the transaction. When the citizen attempted to register the vehicle through the DMV he was advised that the title to the vehicle was fraudulent.

**Animal Case 21-000041**

**100 Block Oak Street, SW**

**December 31 10:00 a.m.**

On January 4, a resident reported that her husband was walking their dog when their neighbor's dog pulled loose from his owner and attacked their dog. The neighbor was quickly able to secure his dog. Neither dog suffered any injury during the incident.

**Vandalism 20-009387**

**Yeonas Park**

**1319 Ross Dr., SW**

**December 31 3:33 p.m.**

A citizen reported that someone spray-painted the wall of the dugout at one of the ballfields.

**Domestic Dispute 21-000002**

**Park Street, SE**

**January 1 2:50 a.m.**

Officers responded to a dispute between a resident and her boyfriend. An officer provided the boyfriend a ride home to help resolve the issue.

**Assault 21-000025**

**200 Block Locust Street, SE**

**January 2 7:59 p.m.**

A resident reported that she was assaulted by her roommate. There were no signs of injury. The resident was advised of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges.

**Assist EMS 21-000029**

**900 Block Ware Street, SW**

**January 3 2:03 p.m.**

Officers responded with rescue personnel for an elderly man who was suffering a medical emergency. Rescue personnel transported the man to an area hospital in a life-threatening condition.

**Found Property 21-000030**

**300 Block Maple Avenue, West**

**January 3 4:28 p.m.**

A citizen turned in a cell phone they found in the parking lot.

**Suspicious Event 21-000031**  
**1000 Block Ware Street, SW**  
**January 3 5:10 p.m.**

A resident reported a suspicious card he received in the mail.

**Suspicious Person 21-000045**  
**Giant Food**  
**359 Maple Avenue, East**  
**January 4 12:23 p.m.**

An employee observed a man walking toward the exit of the store with a cart full of groceries that he had not paid for. When the employee confronted the man, the man left the cart and fled the store.

**Suspicious Event 21-000051**  
**DeSale Street, SW**  
**January 4 7:28 p.m.**

Officers responded to a group of people protesting political issues in the street and on the sidewalk in front of a residence.

**Vandalism 21-000058**  
**Historic Vienna Train Station**  
**231 Dominion Road, NE**  
**January 4 between 12:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.**

A Town of Vienna employee reported a red liquid on the south wall of the train station. It was determined that someone squirted ketchup on the wall. There was no permanent damage to the wall.

**Petit Larceny 21-000070**  
**200 Block Cedar Lane, SE**  
**Between January 4 at 9:00 p.m. and January 5 at 5:00 p.m.**

A resident reported that someone entered his girlfriend's unlocked vehicle and stole a laptop and an apartment parking permit.

**Vehicle Tampering 21-000063**  
**500 Meadow Lane, SW**  
**January 5 3:29 a.m.**

A resident reported that someone rummaged through his vehicle. Nothing appears to have been taken. His security camera showed several people running towards his neighbor's driveway.

**Assault 21-000073**  
**200 Block Locust Street, SE**  
**January 5 9:29 p.m.**

A resident reported that she was assaulted by her roommate. The roommate advised that she was violently attacked by the resident and was defending herself. Rescue personnel responded to assess injuries to both women. The resident was transported to an area hospital for assessment. The roommate refused further treatment. Both women were advised of the warrant process.

**Petit Larceny 21-000075**

**Wolftrap Hotel**

**430 Maple Avenue, West**

**January 6 between 12:20 a.m. and 2:13 a.m.**

An employee reported that he left the office unlocked while he ran an errand. When he returned he found someone stole money from the cash drawer. The employee called later advising that he found the money.

**Suspicious Event 21-000085**

**DeSole Street, SE**

**January 6 12:15 p.m.**

A concerned citizen provided officers with the description of someone who took pictures of a residence and drove away.

**Suspicious Event 21-000086**

**DeSole Street, SW**

**January 6 6:01 p.m.**

Officers responded to the report of suspicious packages and a note left at a residence. It was quickly determined that the packages belonged to the residence and the note did not pose any threat.

**Suspicious Person 21-000096**

**DeSole Street, SW**

**January 7 2:51 p.m.**

A man was repeatedly seen walking up to the residence, ringing the doorbell, then leaving.

**Suspicious Event 21-000101**

**300 Block Park Street, SE**

**January 7 4:09 p.m.**

A resident observed a woman standing on his second-story deck. When he confronted her, she appeared to be emotionally disturbed. The woman left the area before officers arrived.

## **CRASHES**

### **Pleasant Street near Maple Avenue, SW 20-009372**

**December 30 2:04 p.m.**

Vehicle-2 and Vehicle-3 were legally parked on Pleasant Street. Vehicle-1 was traveling northbound on Pleasant Street, approaching Maple Avenue when he struck the two vehicles.

### **Maple Avenue and East Street, SE 20-009376**

**December 30 3:05 p.m.**

Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound in the left lane of Maple Avenue at East Street. Vehicle-2 (a juvenile bicyclist) was traveling southbound on East Street crossing over Maple Avenue when he struck Vehicle-1. Driver-2 was transported by rescue personnel to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

### **Nutley Street and Kingsley Road, SW 21-000049**

**January 4 5:01 p.m.**

Vehicle-1 was on Kingsley Road attempting to turn left onto southbound Nutley Street. A school bus was traveling in the right northbound lane of Nutley, turning right onto Kingsley. Vehicle-2 was traveling in the left northbound lane of Nutley. As Vehicle-1 entered the roadway it was struck by 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](mailto:Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov) or 703-255-6324.**

**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.**



## **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](http://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.**