



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

January 15, 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 January 8, 2021 – January 14, 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 21-000199

900 Block Woodnor Drive, NE

Between November 21, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. and January 11 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Animal Case – Quarantine 21-000204

900 Block Potterton Circle, SW

December 28, 2020 12:00 p.m.

The Fairfax County Health Department reported that a dog bit a technician during a procedure at the Merrifield Animal Hospital. The dog was returned to its home in Vienna where it completed the quarantine.

Suspicious Event 21-000229

400 Block MacArthur Avenue, NE

January 4 12:00 p.m.

A citizen who lives in Washington State reported that he sent a deposit for a puppy that was to be shipped to him from the residence on MacArthur Avenue. After sending the money, the citizen discovered the exchange was a scam. The citizen was advised to contact his local authorities to report the fraud.

Police Service 21-000095

200 Block Commons Drive, NW

January 7 1:08 p.m.

Fairfax County Adult Protective Services requested an officer check on an elderly resident who was possibly being financially exploited. An officer spoke to the resident and determined that no crime was committed.

Assault 21-000119
200 Block Locust Street, SE
January 7 9:00 p.m.

On January 8 at 4:04 a.m., a resident reported that she was assaulted by her roommate earlier in the night. No injuries were observed. Rescue responded and transported the woman to an area hospital. The resident was advised of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges.

Assist EMS 21-000125
100 Block Oak Street, SW
January 8 1:19 p.m.

Officers responded to assist rescue with a resident who had taken too much of her prescription medication. After being evaluated by rescue personnel, it was determined that the resident did not need further treatment at the hospital.

Vehicle Tampering 21-000145
1000 Block Delilah Drive, SW
Between January 8 at 8:30 p.m. and January 9 at 12:00 a.m.

A resident reported that someone rummaged through his unlocked vehicle. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Domestic Dispute 21-000132
Oak Street, SW
January 8 10:33 p.m.

Officers responded to a domestic dispute between a resident and his adult daughter.

Assault 21-000149
Nutley Street, NW
January 9 4:51 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a domestic assault between three cousins. One of the cousins agreed to leave the home for the night. The parties were advised of the warrant process should they wish to pursue charges against each other.

Open Door 21-000159
Vienna Vintner
320 Maple Avenue, East
January 10 9:30 a.m.

A citizen reported an open door at the business. Officers searched the business and found nothing appeared to have been disturbed. The door was secured and the owner was notified.

Animal Case – Quarantine 21-000206
300 Block Ayr Hill Avenue, NE
January 10 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that her daughter accidentally startled the family dog while it was sleeping and the dog bit her. The resident was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

Grand Larceny 21-000166

Walgreens

225 Maple Avenue, East

January 10 between 2:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

An employee reported that her wallet was stolen from her secured locker in the employee break room.

Vehicle Tampering 21-000178

400 Block Plum Street, SW

Between January 10 at 8:00 p.m. and January 11 at 6:50 a.m.

A resident reported that someone rummaged through her unlocked vehicle. Nothing appears to have been taken.

Suspicious Event 21-000167

400 Block Nutley Street, NW

January 10 8:26 p.m.

A resident reported that he was hearing his cousin speaking to him through the floor vents, and making threatening statements toward him. Officers spoke to the cousin who denied speaking to him. Both parties agreed to remain in their rooms for the night.

Grand Larceny 21-000193

900 Block Westwood Drive, NE

Between January 10 at 9:30 p.m. and January 11 at 5:10 p.m.

A resident reported that someone entered his and his wife's two unlocked vehicles and rummaged through them. His wallet was taken from one of the vehicles. Nothing appeared to be missing from the second vehicle.

Petit Larceny 21-000191

100 Block James Drive, SE

January 11 between 2:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m.

A resident reported that someone rummaged through his unlocked vehicle and stole his watch.

Suspicious Event 21-000174

DeSale Street, SW

January 11 7:00 a.m.

A citizen reported a suspicious person approaching a residence and leaving an envelope.

Domestic Dispute 21-000180

Nutley Street, NW

January 11 10:06 a.m.

A resident reported that her adult grandson was acting disorderly. Officers spoke to the grandson who agreed to leave the house for a while and calm down.

Fraud 21-000214
400 Block Colin Lane, NW
November 11 5:00 p.m.

A resident reported that he received a call from his employer's Human Resources Department advising him that someone attempted to file unemployment benefits using his personnel information.

Suspicious Event 21-000209
200 Block Owaissa Court, SE
January 11 10:00 p.m.

A resident received a suspicious text message that he believes is an attempt to scam him.

Fatal House Fire 21-000202
900 Block Lauren Lane, SE
January 12 at 2:10 a.m.

Officers responded to assist fire and rescue personnel with a house fire. An elderly woman was found deceased inside the residence. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Assault 21-000223
200 Block Park Terrace Court, SE
January 13 10:52 p.m.

A resident reported that a friend was in his home and refusing to leave. When officers arrived they located the friend outside suffering from an injury to the face. The friend advised the resident assaulted him as he was attempting to leave. The resident was arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where the magistrate refused to issue a warrant for Assault as the victim did not wish to pursue charges. The officer transported the man back to his residence.

Animal Case 21-000245
300 Block Center Street, North
January 14 7:15 a.m.

Officers responded to the report of an injured deer that was stuck on a fence. They found the deer was in grave condition and euthanized the animal.

CRASHES

300 Maple Avenue, East 21-000102

January 7 4:34 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound on Maple Avenue in the same lane of travel. Vehicle-2 stopped in heavy traffic. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of vehicle-2.

Maple Avenue and Glyndon Street, SE 21-000124

January 8 11:39 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue approaching Glyndon Street. Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Glyndon Street crossing Maple Avenue with a green traffic light. Driver-1 suffered a medical emergency, ran through the red traffic light, and struck Vehicle-2. Driver-1 was transported to an area hospital for treatment by rescue personnel in a non-life-threatening condition.

Nutley Street and Tapawingo Road, SW 21-000162

January 10 3:02 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Tapawingo Road, approaching the intersection of Nutley Street. Vehicle-2 stopped with traffic due to an approaching ambulance with emergency equipment activated on Nutley Street. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of 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.

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, 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.**