



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

January 22, 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 15, 2021 – January 21, 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

Suspicious Event 21-000355

200 Block Locust Street, SE

Between November 1 at 12:01 a.m. and January 19 at 12:01 a.m.

A social worker reported possible financial exploitation of a resident.

Fraud 21-000377

400 Block MacArthur Avenue, NE

Between January 7 at 12:00 p.m. and January 20 at 6:08 p.m.

A citizen reported that she sent money for a dog that was for sale. When she arrived at the residence to pick up the dog, she found it was a scam.

Assault 21-000232

Patrick Henry Library

101 Maple Avenue, East

January 13 3:29 p.m.

An employee reported that a man entered the library, which is closed to the public. When he advised the man the library was closed, the man began cursing at him and flipped over a table that struck the employee. The man then left the library in a vehicle.

Assault 21-000239

200 Block Locust Street, SE

January 13 10:00 p.m.

A resident was complaining of back pain after reporting that her roommate pushed her to the ground during an argument. Rescue responded and assessed the resident, but she refused further treatment. The resident was advised of the warrant process if she wished to pursue charges.

Suspicious Event 21-000258

DeSale Street, SW

January 14 10:35 p.m.

At 4:10 p.m., a resident reported an incident to an officer that had occurred earlier in the day. The resident advised that he observed three men walking around his neighbor's house and looking in the windows. The neighbor confronted the men, and they stated they were looking for a traitor, and then walked away.

Vandalism 21-000273

130 Cherry Street, SE

January 15 between 8:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m.

A Town employee reported profanity written on the turf portion of the ball field.

Found Property 21-000280

Meadow Lane Park

400 Courthouse Road, SW

January 15 1:00 p.m.

A citizen found a case containing property at the tennis courts.

Found Property 21-000287

100 Block Maple Avenue, East

January 16 10:45 a.m.

A citizen reported a backpack that was left inside the bus stop shelter.

Civil Dispute 21-000292

200 Block Old Courthouse Road, NE

January 16 1:15 p.m.

A tenant reported several issues she is having with her landlord.

Assault 21-000295

200 Block Locust Street, SE

January 16 5:48 p.m.

A resident reported that she was assaulted by her roommate. The resident was advised of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges.

Vehicle Tampering 21-000323

600 Block Niblick Drive, SE

Between January 17 at 10:00 a.m. and January 18 at 7:36 a.m.

A resident reported that someone rummaged through their two unlocked vehicles. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Lost Property 21-000327

300 Block Glyndon Street, NE

January 17 between 11:04 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

A resident reported that she lost her wallet.

Vandalism 21-000316

DeSale Street, SW

January 17 1:00 p.m.

A resident reported they saw someone spray-paint the word “traitor” on the asphalt roadway in front of his neighbor’s house. This investigation is continuing.

Fraud 21-000312

400 Block Park Street, SE

January 17 1:50 p.m.

A resident reported that someone made fraudulent purchases on one of her credit accounts. She was also advised that someone used her personal information in an attempt to open credit accounts.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 21-000317

200 Block Locust Street, SE

January 17 6:28 p.m.

Officers responded to speak to a woman who was upset and stated she wanted to hurt herself. Mental Health employees were summoned and spoke to the woman. The woman was provided with information for resources that are available to her.

Civil Dispute 21-000328

100 Block Center Street, South

January 18 12:34 p.m.

A resident reported an issue she is having with her siblings moving various belongings in the house.

Vandalism 21-000335

DeSale Street, SW

January 18 7:52 p.m.

Someone used spray chalk to write “traitor” on the roadway in front of a residence.

Arrest – Domestic Assault 21-000336

Center Street, South

January 18 8:03 p.m.

A resident reported that an argument between him and his sister escalated when she assaulted him.

Ofc. Murray arrested the 36-year-old female from Center Street, South, Vienna. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Domestic Assault.

Grand Larceny 21-000364

300 Block Springwood Court, NE

Between January 19 at 8:00 p.m. and January 20 at 6:30 a.m.

A resident reported that someone rummaged through her and her boyfriend's unlocked vehicles. Nothing was taken from one vehicle. A backpack containing two computers was taken from the other vehicle. Officers searched the area and located the backpack and computers in the area of John Marshall Drive and McKinley Street, NE.

Suspicious Event 21-000380

Vienna Police Station

215 Center Street, South

January 20 8:56 p.m.

Unknown individuals began making prank calls to the police department, reporting tigers on the loose in town.

CRASHES

400 Block Maple Avenue, West

January 20 12:32 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was in the left lane and Vehicle-2 was in the center turn lane when one of the drivers changed lanes and caused the collision.

100 Block Church Street, NE

January 20 3:15 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was westbound on Church Street and stopped for the stop sign at the intersection of Park Street. Pedestrian-1 was walking southbound across Church Street with a stroller. Driver-1 did not see the pedestrian due to the bright sunlight and struck her as she entered the roadway. Pedestrian-1 was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The child in the stroller was uninjured.

100 Block Tapawingo Road, SE

January 21 8:57 a.m.

Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2, a legally parked vehicle. Driver-1 fled the scene without providing their information.

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

**New Police Station Ground Breaking Ceremony
Friday, January 29, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.**



The Vienna Police Department is pleased to announce our groundbreaking ceremony for the new Police Headquarters at 215 Center Street South, Vienna, VA 22180. The ceremony will take place on Friday, January 29, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

This new public safety facility will be approximately 30,000 square feet and allow all divisions to operate out of the same location. The new building will also better accommodate upgraded technology and security to handle future increased operations of the 41 sworn officers and 11 civilians.

Town of Vienna's Mayor Linda Colbert, Council Members, Chief James Morris, and police personnel will attend the ceremony. Town residents are welcome to attend. Social distancing and mask-wearing are required.

**For further information, please contact:
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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.**