



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

February 5, 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 29, 2021 – February 4, 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 21-000619

300 Block Sherwood Drive, NE

January 7 9:00 p.m.

A resident searched Google on how to close her eBay account. The resident called a phone number that was provided in her search and was advised that her eBay account had been hacked and charges made to the account. She was instructed that she would need to purchase eBay gift cards and provide the customer service team with the information on those cards. After providing the gift card numbers, the resident realized the scam.

Arrest – Domestic Assault 21-000501

Locust Street, SE

January 26 11:30 p.m.

A resident reported that her adult son was acting disorderly and destroying property inside of their home. The resident also stated that her son physically assaulted her.

Ofc. McElhattan arrested the 21-year-old man from Locust Street, SE, Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Domestic Assault and an Emergency Protective Order was issued.

Fraud 21-000531

400 Block Nutley Street, NW

Between January 27 at 12:00 p.m. and January 28 at 2:53 p.m.

An elderly resident reported that he was contacted by someone claiming payment was needed to prevent his internet security from expiring. The resident provided the caller with his bank account information. He was further instructed to purchase gift cards and provide them with the information from the gift cards. After providing the caller with the gift cards, the resident realized it was a scam.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 21-000532

Westbriar Drive, NE

January 28 4:03 p.m.

A resident reported that he was concerned over his juvenile son's behavior and mental health. Officers attempted to speak with the juvenile, but the juvenile refused. Mental Health professionals were consulted and advised they would visit the home the following day to assess the juvenile.

Petit Larceny 21-000566

400 Block Marshall Road, SW

Between January 28 at 7:00 p.m. and January 29 at 6:00 a.m.

A resident reported that she has had her recycling trash bins stolen from the curbside twice in the past week.

Lost Property 21-000590

Giant Food

359 Maple Avenue, East

January 30 3:30 p.m.

A resident reported that they lost their wallet in the parking lot.

Narcotics Violation 21-000610

Vienna Woods Swim Club

129 Harmony Drive, SW

January 31 7:41 p.m.

An officer observed three occupied vehicles in the pool parking lot. Upon the officer's interaction with the occupants (two juveniles and an adult), he detected an odor of marijuana. The juveniles were found in possession of a measurable amount of marijuana. Their parents were notified and responded parking lot. The adult was permitted to leave. Both juveniles were given verbal counseling and released to the custody of their parents. The marijuana was turned over to the Property Officer for destruction.

Stolen Vehicle Recovery 21-000621

100 Block Branch Road, SE

February 2 12:29 p.m.

A State Trooper from North Carolina requested our officers check the area for a vehicle stolen from their jurisdiction that had been tracked to the area. Officers located and recovered the stolen vehicle.

CRASHES

Maple Avenue and Nutley Street, SW 21-000457

January 23 7:47 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped at a red traffic light on westbound Maple Avenue at Nutley Street. Vehicle-1 was northbound on Nutley Street, SW, turning right to go eastbound on Maple Avenue. Driver-1 was traveling at a high rate of speed, skidded across both eastbound travel lanes, struck the brick median, struck a street sign, and sideswiped Vehicle-2.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Reckless Driving.

Maple Avenue and Park Street, SE 21-000514

January 27 2:53 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling east on Maple Avenue, approaching the red traffic light at Park Street. Vehicle-2 was southbound on Park Street, turning left onto eastbound Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 entered the intersection and collided with Vehicle-2.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

East Street near Maple Avenue, SE 21-000565

January 29 2:44 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on East Street, approaching Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 exited the parking lot of 527 Maple Avenue, East, struck the driver's side of Vehicle-2, and then fled the scene without stopping.

100 Block Church Street, NW 21-000592

January 30 6:36 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on the roadway when it was struck by Vehicle-1. Driver-1 fled the scene without stopping.

300 Block Maple Avenue, East 21-000653

February 3 1:09 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound in the right lane of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound, attempting to turn left into the shopping center parking lot when the two vehicles collided.

Center Street and Maple Avenue, SE 21-000654

February 3 1:25 p.m.

Vehicle-2 (a Town vehicle) was northbound on Center Street, stopped for the red traffic light. Vehicle-1 struck the rear bumper 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



HARD HAT CORNER

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1, 2021

- Groundbreaking Ceremony took place
- Construction dumpster removed
- Abatement Operations continue and will be completed this week
- Erection of fencing around the construction site

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8, 2021

- Sediment and erosion control
- Ongoing disconnection of utilities

**** 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.**

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.