



## VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

February 12, 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 February 5, 2021 – February 11, 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 21-000791**

**300 Block Blair Court, NW**

**November 20, 2020 9:00 a.m.**

A resident reported a fraudulent transaction on one of her credit cards.

### **Suspicious Event 21-000617**

**100 Block Patrick Street, SE**

**February 1 9:46 p.m.**

A resident stated that he communicated with a woman over the internet and gave her his phone number. A short time later, he began receiving text messages wanting money from him.

### **Stolen Vehicle-21-000701**

**Wawa**

**465 Maple Avenue, West**

**February 4 12:35 a.m.**

A citizen, a Door Dash driver, reported that he left his vehicle running in the parking lot while picking up a food order. The citizen stated someone stole his vehicle while he was in the store. The citizen waited several minutes before calling the police to report the incident. Shortly after a lookout for the vehicle was given to surrounding jurisdictions, Fairfax County Police officers located the vehicle unoccupied and running at Chain Bridge Road and Glengyle Drive. The citizen reported that a Play Station 4, a keyboard, and marijuana were missing from the vehicle. The citizen did not wish to pursue charges and did not wish further investigation on the incident.

### **Assist EMS 21-000702**

**1000 Block Lynn Street, SW**

**February 5 12:47 a.m.**

Officers responded to assist rescue personnel with a man suffering a drug overdose. The man was transported to an area hospital in non-life-threatening condition.

**Petit Larceny 21-000714**

**7-11**

**537 Maple Avenue, West**

**February 6 4:48 a.m.**

An employee reported that a man stole three cases of beer.

**Suspicious Person 21-000723**

**500 Block Stephen Circle, SW**

**February 7 between 4:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.**

At 9:40 a.m., a resident reported that her security camera captured a suspicious person at her home earlier in the morning. A vehicle pulled into the driveway, and the female driver approached the resident's front door several times, talking to herself. The woman moved her vehicle to another driveway, then back to the resident's home. Nothing appeared to have been disturbed.

**Domestic Dispute 21-000755**

**Nutley Street, SW**

**February 8 11:13 p.m.**

Officers responded to a verbal dispute between a husband and wife.

**Business Alarm 21-000768**

**CVS**

**264 Cedar Lane, SE**

**February 9 9:23 p.m.**

Officers responded to the report of an alarm at the store. The alarm company advised that someone could be seen inside the store on the surveillance cameras. When officers searched the store, they did not find anyone inside, and nothing appeared suspicious. From the surveillance video, it appeared that the last employee closed and secured the store without realizing there was a customer inside. The customer, who was observed on the camera, approached the register to make their purchase, realized there were no employees in the store, left the items they were going to purchase, and left the store.

**Natural Death 21-000779**

**Elaine Circle, SE**

**February 10 9:37 a.m.**

Officers responded to assisting rescue personnel with an elderly resident who suffered from medical issues and was deceased in his home.

**Arrest - Narcotics Violation 21-000794**

**Nutley Street, SW / Tapawingo Road, SW**

**February 11 7:04 p.m.**

During a routine traffic stop for expired registration, Sgt Tracy detected an odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. A bag of marijuana and other paraphernalia was located inside the vehicle.

Sgt Tracy cited the 33-year-old man from Cedar Lane, SE, Vienna. The driver was charged with expired registration as well as possession of marijuana. He was released on his signature.

## **CRASHES**

### **Maple Avenue and Niblick Drive, SE 21-000703**

**February 5 8:06 a.m.**

Vehicle-1 was stopped at the stop sign on Niblick Drive, turning left onto Maple Avenue. Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound in the left lane of Maple Avenue. As Vehicle-1 entered the intersection, it was struck by Vehicle-2.

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

### **Maple Avenue West / Nutley Street, SW 21-000706**

**February 5 1:36 p.m.**

Vehicle-2 was stopped at a red light in the right turn lane of Nutley Street, SW, at Maple Avenue West. Vehicle-1 was traveling behind Vehicle-2. Vehicle-1 failed to stop and rear-ended Vehicle-2. Vehicle-2 proceeded to make a right turn onto Maple Avenue West then pulled into a parking lot. Vehicle-1 also made a right turn onto Maple Avenue West but continued Eastbound, not stopping with Vehicle-2. The driver of Vehicle-1 was later located, and insurance information was exchanged.

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

### **300 Block Maple Avenue, West 21-000753**

**February 8 6:40 p.m.**

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in a parking lot. Vehicle-1 backed out of a parking space, struck Vehicle-2, and the driver 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](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**



### **HARD HAT CORNER**

#### **WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15, 2021**

- Ongoing disconnection of utilities
- Sediment and erosion control continues
- Utility cap of water and sewer

#### **WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

- Complete sediment and erosions control
- Start of soft demolition

**\*\* 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.**