



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

April 16, 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 April 9, 2021 – April 15, 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 21-001834

500 Block Ware Street, SW

April 6 11:16 a.m.

A resident reported that someone used her personal information to file for unemployment benefits.

Animal Case – Quarantine 21-001936

100 Block Pewter Lane, Stafford, Virginia

April 9 12:00 p.m.

The Health Department reported that a juvenile resident was bitten by his dog while he was visiting friends in Stafford, Virginia. The owner of the dog, the juvenile's mother, was advised of the 10-day quarantine. The dog will be staying with another family member in Fairfax where the Fairfax County ACO will be notified of the quarantine.

Juvenile Case 21-001876

Tapawingo Road, SE

April 9 5:21 p.m.

A resident reported that her juvenile son is being cyberbullied by two other juveniles. This case is being investigated.

Arrest - Assault 21-001878

Pizza Bolis

262 Cedar Lane, SE, #A1

April 9 6:45 p.m.

A Pizza Bolis employee was pushed by a man who was attempting to enter the store. The man was agitated over his friend and the employee being involved in a car accident.

Ofc. McElhattan located the 19-year-old man from Patrick Street, SE, in Vienna and issued him a summons charging Assault. The employee was advised of the procedure to obtain protective orders against the two men.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 21-001883

200 Block Maple Avenue, West

April 10 4:20 a.m.

A citizen approached an officer to report a vehicle traveling on Maple Avenue with two flat tires. The officer located the vehicle and driver in the parking lot of 214 Maple Avenue, West. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, he detected signs of impairment. The driver was unable to complete a series of field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest.

Ofc. McElhattan transported the 22-year-old man from Elm Tree Drive in Herndon, Virginia to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. A sample of his blood was taken for analysis and he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

Found Property 21-001885

Pleasant Street and Maple Avenue, SW

April 10 9:50 a.m.

A citizen turned in a credit card that they found in the area.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 21-001907

West Street, NW

April 11 12:02 p.m.

Family members were concerned about the welfare of a resident after she made concerning statements. Officers located the resident in the area of Maple Avenue and Glyndon Street and transported her home. The resident did not want any further assistance. Officers provided the family members with information on available resources should they decide to seek further assistance.

Fraud 21-001974

100 Block Battle Street, SW

April 15 10:15 a.m.

A resident reported that someone used her personal information to file for unemployment benefits.

Found Property 21-001977
Hope Advanced Veterinary Center
140 Park Street, SE
April 15 1:28 p.m.

A citizen turned in a wallet that they found in the area.

Open Door 21-001978
Vienna Gas & Auto
410 Maple Avenue, East
April 15 1:30 p.m.

Officers responding to the report of an alarm found the rear door of the gas station was blown open by the wind. Officers checked the interior of the gas station and found that nothing appeared suspicious.

Petit Larceny 21-001980
Giant Food
359 Maple Avenue, East
April 15 2:00 p.m.

An employee reported that two men attempted to leave the store with several alcoholic beverages in a shopping cart without paying for the items. The employee confronted the men who immediately fled the area without the cart.

Suspicious Event 21-001981
200 Block Locust Street, SE
April 15 2:50 p.m.

A resident reported concern for her neighbor's teenage child after hearing the neighbor disciplining them verbally.

Domestic Dispute 21-001982
Oak Street, SW
April 15 3:53 p.m.

A resident reported that she was watching a camera that was set up in her room when she observed her brother steal something from the room. The resident returned home to gather her items, however, her parents refused to permit her in the home, to prevent the two siblings from having a physical altercation. The brother agreed to leave the home while his sister retrieved her belongings.

CRASHES

Maple Avenue near Pleasant Street, NW 21-001894

April 10 7:36 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound in the right lane of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound in the left lane. Vehicle-1 changed lanes and ran into Vehicle-2.

Maple Avenue and Nutley Street, SW 21-001903

April 11 12:41 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Nutley Street, turning left onto westbound Maple Avenue. The two vehicles crashed in the intersection. It could not be determined which driver was at fault.

Lawyers Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, NE

April 14 7:19 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling southbound on Lawyers Road. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of 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 or 703-255-6324.

CITIZEN NOTES



HARD HAT CORNER

Week of April 19, 2021

- Continue grouting tie-backs
- Start testing tie-backs
- Continue with excavation to subgrade and hauling out dirt.

Week of April 26, 2021

- Continue grouting tie-backs.
- Continue testing tie-backs.
- Start installing wood lagging to subgrade.
- Continue excavation and hauling out dirt.
- Community Construction Meeting April 26, 2021, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. held at the Vienna Police Department located at 301 Center Street, north, Vienna, VA 22180.

**** 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://vienna.prod.govaccess.org/your-government/town-departments-at-your-service/police/police-station-construction/-fsiteid-1>) for your information.**



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Vienna Police Department to Participate in the DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative

Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In conjunction with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and state and local law enforcement agencies, the Vienna Police Department will again participate in a one-day initiative to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from area homes.

On April 24, 2021, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., the Vienna Police Department will have a collection site for old, expired, unused, or unwanted medications. Prescription medications, controlled or non-controlled substances, and over the counter drugs may be turned in anonymously at the collection point inside the Vienna Police Department temporary facility located at 301 Center Street, South, Vienna, Virginia 22180 (The former Faith Baptist Church).

Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing it and disposing of it directly into the collection box. If an original container is used, the individual should consider removing any identifying information from the prescription label. Liquid products should remain sealed in their original container to prevent leakage.

DEA will collect vape pens or other e-cigarette devices from individual consumers **only** after the batteries are removed from the devices. It is important to stress that the DEA is not responsible for removing the batteries from the devices.

Intravenous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted due to associated hazards.

Commercial businesses, pharmacies, or other medical facilities may not use this as a means to discard expired medications or medical waste.

For DEA Authorized Collectors that provide year-round drop-off locations to the public to dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals, go to [Controlled Substance Public Disposal Locations](#).

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



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.**