



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

April 23, 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 16, 2021 – April 22, 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 21-001934

300 Block Knoll Street, NW

Between January 1 at 9:26 a.m. and April 13 at 9:26 a.m.

A resident reported that someone used his personal information to receive unemployment benefits.

Animal Case – Quarantine 21-002002

600 Block Frederick Street, SW

April 14 12:00 p.m.

The Health Department reported that a resident was accidentally bitten by a dog that resides in the same home. The dog's owner was advised of the quarantine procedure.

Destruction of Property 21-001984

Maple Avenue and Beulah Road, NE

April 15 6:51 p.m.

A citizen reported that he was on Beulah Road, turning right onto Maple Avenue when a motorcyclist pulled alongside his vehicle and punched off his side-view mirror.

Assault 21-002014

Jasmine Studio

226 Maple Avenue, West, #205

April 16 1:50 p.m.

An employee who had been fired from the salon the previous day returned to pick up her belongings. The former employee became disorderly and pushed one of the owners. Officers stayed at the salon while the former employee gathered her belongings. The owners trespassed her from returning to the business. The owner was advised of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges for the assault.

Police Service 21-002016
Moorefield Hill Grove, SW
April 16 2:24 p.m.

A resident requested assistance with their adult special needs son who was acting aggressively towards them. The resident also notified their son's doctor who gave direction for treating him over the phone. The son calmed down and no further police assistance was needed.

Petit Larceny 21-002046
200 Block Park Terrace Court, SE
Between April 16 at 4:00 p.m. and April 18 at 2:30 p.m.

A resident reported that both of his license plates were stolen from his vehicle.

Suspicious Event 21-002020
200 Block Locust Street, SE
April 16 9:48 p.m.

A resident observed a man attempting to open the trunk of a vehicle in the parking lot without a key. When the resident confronted the man, the man walked away and left the area in another vehicle. Officers were unable to locate the owner of the vehicle in the parking lot to determine if any damage was done.

Animal Case 21-002027
400 Block Talahi Road, SE
April 17 1:50 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of a sick raccoon. The officer observed the animal was in grave condition and euthanized the raccoon.

Vandalism 21-002030
200 Block Pleasant Street, SW
April 17 between 2:45 p.m. and 4:45 p.m.

A resident reported that someone knocked over her mailbox, bending the metal post.

Animal Case 21-002031
Lynn Street and Yeonas Drive, SW
April 17 7:29 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of a dog in the storm drain. They were unable to locate the dog's location in the drain. It was later determined that it was a fox that was in the storm drain. ACO Barker was advised for follow-up on this case.

Petit Larceny 21-002045
300 Block Orchard Street, NW
April 18 2:22 p.m.

A resident reported that his brother took several things from the yard of the family home.

Missing Juvenile 21-002049
700 Block Ware Street, SW
April 19 2:36 a.m.

A resident reported that her 13-year-old daughter was missing from her room. The daughter returned home at 5:22 a.m. and advised that she was out with a friend.

Animal Case – Quarantine 21-002064
The Hope Advanced Veterinary Center
140 Park Street, SE
April 20 4:00 a.m.

A technician was bitten by a dog during a procedure. The dog's owner was advised of the quarantine process.

Police Service 21-002066
Vienna Police Station
301 Center Street, South
April 20 1:58 p.m.

A resident turned in firearms and ammunition for destruction.

Open Door 21-002083
200 Block East Street, SE
April 21 8:46 a.m.

Officers responding to the report of a residential alarm found an unlocked door. Officers searched the residence and found nothing appeared suspicious.

Petit Larceny 21-002086
Giant Food
359 Maple Avenue, East
April 21 2:22 p.m.

An employee observed a man walk out of the store with a cart full of food that he had not paid for. The employee confronted the man who agreed to follow him back into the store and wait for officers to arrive. The employee advised the store did not wish to pursue charges for the larceny but trespassed the man from the store.

Open Door 21-002095
Michael's
311 Maple Avenue, East
April 21 9:41 p.m.

Officers responding to an alarm at the store found an unlocked door. They searched the business and found nothing that appeared suspicious. An employee responded to secure the door.

CRASHES

527 Maple Avenue, East 21-002007

April 16 1:26 p.m.

Driver-1, a Town of Vienna truck, was turning into the parking lot when the rear tire struck the rear bumper of Vehicle-2, a legally parked vehicle.

266 Block Maple Avenue, West 21-002015

April 16 2:07 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was exiting a parking lot at 226 Maple Avenue West to turn left onto westbound Maple Avenue and struck Vehicle-2, traveling on Maple in the westbound in the left lane.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Yield Right of Way.

Maple Avenue and Wade Hampton Drive, SW 21-002017

April 16 3:26 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was on Wade Hampton Drive attempting to enter the intersection of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue in the left lane. Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2.

Tapawingo Road and Cottage Street, SW 21-002018

April 16 4:38 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was stopped at the stop sign on Tapawingo Road at Cottage Street, traveling eastbound. Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Cottage Street stopped at the stop sign. Vehicle-3 was traveling northbound on Cottage Street. As Vehicle-2 entered the intersection, Vehicle-1 struck the rear right side, turning Vehicle-2 and causing the rear bumper to strike Vehicle-3.

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

240 Cedar Lane, SE 21-002028

April 16 9:00 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in a parking lot when it was struck by Vehicle-1. Driver-1 fled the scene without providing their information.

820 Follin Lane, SE 21-002071

April 20 5:52 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Follin Lane. Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Follin, attempting to turn into 820 Follin Lane when the two vehicles collided.

400 Block Glyndon Street, SE 21-002072

April 20 7:50 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling southbound at a high rate of speed when the driver attempted to make a turn onto Cabin Road, ran off the roadway into a yard, and struck a sign. The driver fled the area without stopping.

Maple Avenue and East Street, NE 21-002090

April 21 6:41 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on East Street. Driver-1 ran the red light and the two vehicles collided.

Driver-1 was charged with Failure to Obey a Traffic Signal.

Nutley Street and Courthouse Road, SW 21-002110

April 22 7:05 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was on westbound Courthouse Road, turning right onto northbound Nutley Street. Vehicle-2 was in the left northbound lane of Nutley Street. Vehicle-1 failed to yield before turning and struck Vehicle-2 who was changing lanes in the intersection.

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 26, 2021

- Start testing tie-backs.
- Start installing wood lagging to subgrade. Continue excavation and hauling out dirt.
- Approved new design of storm sewer on Center St.
- 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.

Week of May 03, 2021

- Remaining building excavation and hauling out dirt
- Complete installing remaining wood lagging
- Mobilize concrete trade partner to start foundation
- Start excavation for foundation

**** 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.**