



## VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

May 7, 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 30, 2021 – May 6, 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**

### **Animal Case 21-002203**

**Echols Street and Branch Road, SE**

**April 27 5:01 p.m.**

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

### **Arrest – Solicitor 21-002233**

**300 Block Patrick Street, SW**

**April 29 6:58 p.m.**

An officer observed a man soliciting for a pest control service. The officer had previously advised the man that he required a permit to solicit in Town.

Ofc. McElhattan issued the 20-year-old man from North Jerome Lane in Wenatchee, Washington, a summons charging Soliciting Without a License.

### **Trespassing 21-002257**

**Taco Bamba**

**164 Maple Avenue, West**

**April 30 9:05 p.m.**

An employee reported that a man, who had previously been asked not to return the restaurant, entered the establishment, sat in a booth without ordering anything, and began drinking an alcoholic beverage that he brought with him. The employee advised the man in front of an officer that he was no longer permitted in the restaurant, and may be charged with trespass if he returns.

**Assist EMS 21-002259**

**Vienna Community Center**

**120 Cherry Street, SE**

**April 30 9:47 p.m.**

Officers responded to assist rescue personnel with an intoxicated man who was requesting to go to the hospital. The man was transported to an area hospital without incident.

**Open Door 21-002264**

**Ghaffari Orthodontics**

**100 Church Street, NE**

**May 1 2:42 a.m.**

Officers responding to an alarm found an unsecured door to the building. The owner responded to secure the door.

**Animal Case – Quarantine 21-002318**

**200 Block Walnut Lane, NW**

**May 1 12:00 p.m.**

A resident's dog injured its paw. While the resident was trying to look at the paw, the dog bit him. The resident was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

**Animal Case 21-002321**

**Hope Advanced Veterinary Center**

**140 Park St., SE**

**May 1 12:00 p.m.**

A citizen brought her cat to the center for treatment. She advised the staff that the cat had bitten or scratched her before they left their home in Alexandria. The cat was treated and released to go home with the owner. The information was forwarded to the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria to follow up on quarantine.

**Emotionally Disturbed Person 21-002270**

**Blair Road, NW**

**May 1 2:09 p.m.**

Mental Health professionals requested officers respond to check on a resident who was requesting their services. The resident's father arrived at the home and agreed to take them to an area facility for treatment.

**Trespassing 21-002273**

**Viet Aroma**

**165 Glyndon Street, SE**

**May 1 3:22 p.m.**

Officers responded to the report of a man harassing customers and employees at the restaurant. The employee requested the man be trespassed from the restaurant. Officers advised the man that he may be charged with trespass if he returns.

**Arrest – Drunk In Public 21-002277**

**Vienna Town Green**

**144 Maple Avenue, East**

**May 1 6:45 p.m.**

A group of juveniles reported that a man approached them at the Town Green and made several threatening statements. Officers located the man and, upon their interaction with the man, detected signs of impairment. The man was the same person who officers had trespassed from a restaurant earlier in the day. (*Reference Incident #21-002273*).

Sgt. Ruddy arrested the 48-year-old man from Fox Mill Road in Oakton, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Drunk In Public.

**Assist EMS 21-002278**

**1000 Block Hillcrest Drive, SW**

**May 1 7:10 p.m.**

Officers responded to assist rescue with an elderly resident. The resident was evaluated by rescue personnel but was not transported to the hospital.

**Domestic Dispute 21-002280**

**Marshall Road, SW**

**May 1 8:02 p.m.**

Officers responded to a domestic dispute between a resident and her husband. The resident gathered her belongings and went to stay with a friend.

**Domestic Dispute 21-002281**

**Cedar Lane, SE**

**May 1 8:23 p.m.**

A resident expressed concern over statements that her ex-boyfriend made to her. The ex-boyfriend had already taken all of his belongings and moved from their apartment.

**Petit Larceny 21-002283**

**Hunan Delight**

**276 Cedar Lane, SE**

**May 1 9:10 p.m.**

An employee reported that a man came into the restaurant to pick up an order of food. The man fled the restaurant without paying.

**Civil Dispute 21-002284**

**700 Block Kingsley Road, SW**

**May 1 9:50 p.m.**

A resident reported that his son and his friends were playing basketball in their driveway when their neighbor came out and began yelling at the juveniles for being too loud. The two neighbors report ongoing civil issues between them.

**Trespassing 21-002291****Clarity****442 Maple Avenue, East****May 2 11:52 a.m.**

Officers responded to the report of a man dressed in a chicken costume harassing customers at the restaurant. Members of a political party were having a private gathering at the restaurant. The man dressed as a chicken was with an opposing political party. The manager of the restaurant trespassed the man from the property. The man moved to the sidewalk in the public right of way to continue his protest.

**Suspicious Event 21-002294****100 Block Maple Avenue, West****May 2 7:33 p.m.**

A citizen reported that she saw a man in the parking lot with a young child. The child was crying as she got into a vehicle with the man. The vehicle then left the parking lot. The citizen was concerned for the child's welfare. An officer spoke to the owner of the vehicle who advised that her fiancé was driving the vehicle with her children. The children began arguing and her daughter fell in the parking lot, causing her to become upset. The officer determined that no crime had occurred.

**Animal Case – Quarantine 21-002332****300 Lawyers Road, NW****May 4 6:54 p.m.**

A resident reported a deceased fox in his backyard. The fox was discovered by the resident's two dogs, and he is uncertain if one of the dogs may have bitten the fox or if there was an incident between his dog and the fox. The dog was placed on a 10-day quarantine. The fox was transported to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter for rabies testing.

On May 6, the Health Department reported that the test results on the fox came back as negative for rabies, allowing the resident's dog to be released from quarantine.

**Animal Case – Quarantine 21-002346****Hope Advanced Veterinary Center****140 Park Street, SE****May 4 10:00 p.m.**

A technician was bitten by a cat during a procedure. The cat is being kept under a 10-day quarantine at the center.

**Suspicious Event 21-002344****200 Block Owaissa Court, SE****May 5 7:05 a.m.**

A resident reported that he has been receiving suspicious messages for months from an unknown person who is demanding money and making threats towards his family.

**Domestic Dispute 21-002358**

**Fairway Drive, NE**

**May 5 4:36 p.m.**

Officers responded to the report of a verbal dispute between residents and their adult daughter. The daughter left the house to stay with friends for the night.

**Vehicle Tampering 21-002372**

**100 Block Elms Street, SW**

**Between May 5 at 10:30 p.m. and May 6 at 10:50 a.m.**

A resident reported that someone entered her locked vehicle and rummaged through it. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

**Animal Case – Quarantine 21-002374**

**600 Block Wolftrap Road, SE**

**May 6 11:00 p.m.**

The Health Department reported that a resident was bitten by her cat. The resident was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

**Juvenile Case 21-002380**

**Nutley Street and Tapawingo Road, SW**

**May 6 4:36 p.m.**

An officer responded to the report of a juvenile who had run away from school. The officer located the juvenile at the Vienna Dog Park. Her father responded, but the juvenile refused to go with him. The father agreed to allow his daughter to stay at the park. An hour later, the juvenile began making concerning statements. The father returned to the park and transported his daughter to an area mental health facility for treatment.

**Animal Case 21-002381**

**Peterson Lane Park**

**575 Malcolm Road, NW**

**May 6 5:21 p.m.**

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

**Emotionally Disturbed Person 21-002383**

**Beulah Road, NE**

**May 6 6:15 p.m.**

A resident reported that her teenage son was acting out of control, destroying property in the house, trying to set the house on fire, and she feared for her safety. Officers located the son in the backyard and took him into custody. He was transported to an area mental health facility where a Temporary Detention Order was served on him and he was held for evaluation and treatment.

## **CRASHES**

### **Follin Lane and Hine Street, SE 21-002202**

**April 27 3:53 p.m.**

Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Hine Street approaching Follin Lane. Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Follin. Vehicle-1 stopped at the stop sign, then proceeded into the intersection and struck Vehicle-2. Driver-2 was transported to the hospital by rescue personnel with non-life-threatening injuries.

### **200 Block Old Courthouse Road, NE 21-002276**

**May 1 6:13 p.m.**

Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Old Courthouse Road at a high rate of speed. As the vehicle rounded a curve, it crossed over the double yellow line, struck a mailbox, a guard rail, collided head-on into Vehicle-2, and came to a stop at the intersection of Old Courthouse Road and Westbriar Court. The driver and passenger in Vehicle-1, and Driver-2 all suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Reckless Driving.

### **Park Street and Kingsley Road, SE 21-002334**

**May 4 9:32 p.m.**

Vehicle-1 was traveling northbound on Park Street, turning left onto Kingsley Road. Pedestrian 1 was crossing Kingsley Road in the designated crosswalk when he was struck by Vehicle-1. Pedestrian-1 was transported by rescue personnel to an area hospital for treatment.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Yield to a Pedestrian.

### **100 Block Maple Avenue, West 21-002370**

**May 6 9:04 a.m.**

Two vehicles were traveling eastbound in the left lane of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-2 stopped in traffic. 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](mailto:Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov) or 703-255-6324.

## **CITIZEN NOTES**



### **HARD HAT CORNER**

#### **Week of May 10, 2021**

- Start excavation for building foundation
- Start pouring footings
- Continue excavation and hauling out dirt
- Haul in suitable soils

#### **Week of May 17, 2021**

- Continue with the excavation of building foundation
- Continue forming and pouring building foundation
- Haul in suitable soils
- Haul of soils from building footings

**\*\* 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.**



**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.**