



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

May 21, 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 May 14, 2021 – May 20, 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

Found Property 21-2538

Vienna Community Center

120 Cherry Street, SE

May 14 11:30 a.m.

A citizen found a key fob in the area of Water's Field.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated and Accident 21-002544

John Marshall Drive and Lawyers Road, NW

May 14 11:07 p.m.

A driver was traveling eastbound on Malcolm Road, ran the stop sign at Lawyers road, skidded into a yard on John Marshall Drive, struck a vehicle that was parked in the driveway, and knocked over the privacy fence. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, they detected signs of impairment.

After the driver failed to complete a series of field sobriety tests, MPO Shaw arrested the 23-year-old woman from Clarkes Landing Drive in Oakton, Virginia. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she provided a sample of her breath for analysis and was charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 21-002555

900 Block Maple Avenue, East

May 15 9:50 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a man walking on the sidewalk and stumbling into traffic. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, they detected signs of impairment.

PFC Murray arrested the 47-year-old man with no fixed address. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Drunk In Public.

Death – Unknown Cause 21-002621

600 Block Frederick Street, SW

Between May 16 at 12:00 p.m. and May 20 at 12:15 p.m.

A landlord came to his property to make some repairs and found one of his tenants unresponsive in his room. Rescue personnel responded and confirmed the man was deceased. This case is under investigation.

Arrest – Threats 21-002570

Vienna Town Hall

127 Center Street, South

May 17 between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

MPO Shaver appeared in Vienna General District Court for traffic summons he had previously issued to a woman. As the woman was exiting the courtroom podium she made threats directed to MPO Shaver. The officer obtained a misdemeanor warrant for the woman.

On May 18, MPO Shaver served the warrant on the 26-year-old woman from Valencia Way in Reston, Virginia. She was transported to the magistrate's office where the warrant charging Obstruction of Justice was served and she was also charged with Driving on a Suspended License.

Suicide 21-002577

900 Block Westwood Drive, NE

May 17 4:05 p.m.

Officers responded to assist rescue personnel with a medical emergency. A resident's parent contacted one of his roommates after she had been unable to contact her son. The roommates found the man, deceased, in his bedroom. This case is under investigation.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 21-002580

Patrick Henry Library

101 Maple Avenue, East

May 17 5:25 p.m.

Ofc. McElhattan responded to the report of a teenage juvenile who was at the library distraught and requesting assistance. The juvenile's parents were notified and the officer transported the juvenile to a mental care facility where an Emergency Care Order was served on her. The juvenile was then transported to an area hospital where a Temporary Detention Order was served and she was held for treatment.

Found Property 21-002583

Michael's Arts and Crafts

311 Maple Avenue, East

May 17 9:30 p.m.

A citizen turned in a debit card that was found in the parking lot.

Arrest – Assault and Destruction of Property 21-002597 and 21-2602

600 Block Longview Court, NE

May 18 7:18 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of an altercation between the resident and his adult son. The son left the area on his father's bicycle before officers arrived. The resident stated that his son came home agitated, broke through a patio door to gain entry to the home, and broke his bedroom door. When the resident confronted him, the son assaulted him, then left home taking the bicycle.

At approximately 10:28 p.m., the resident and his wife were at the magistrate's office obtaining warrants for their son when the son called his mother from their home advising he would destroy the house. The residents requested officers respond to the house. Officers and the residents found significant damage throughout the home. The son had again left the area before their arrival. The son called his mother again and began making threats to harm her. MPO Borja obtained two additional warrants for the son.

Fairfax County Police located the son the following morning. The 24-year-old man was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where the father's three misdemeanor warrants charged Damaged Property, Petit Larceny, Domestic Assault, and MPO Borja's felony Destruction of Property warrant and misdemeanor warrant charging Threats Toward his Mother were served. An Emergency Protective Order was also served on him.

CRASHES

Beulah Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, NE 21-002272

May 1 2:35 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Beulah Road. Vehicle-1 was eastbound on Ayr Hill Avenue. After stopping for the stop sign, Vehicle-1 proceeded into the intersection and struck Vehicle-2.

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

100 Block Patrick Street, SE 21-002455

May 9 6:00 p.m.

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

Maple Avenue and the W&OD Bike Trail, NE 21-002535

May 14 10:15 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was westbound on Maple Avenue, stopped at the red traffic light for the bike trail. Vehicle-1 (a bicyclist) was traveling northbound on the bike trail, crossing Maple Avenue. As the light turned green, Vehicle-2 proceeded into the intersection and struck the rear tire of Vehicle-1, causing the bicyclist to fall off and suffer a minor injury. No damage was done to either vehicle.

100 Block Church Street, NE 21-002541

May 14 2:19 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked facing eastbound on Church Street, NE. Vehicle-1 sideswiped Vehicle-2, causing minor damage. Driver-1 continued east on Church Street without stopping to provide their information.

Park Street and Patrick Street, SE 21-002552

May 15 7:52 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Patrick Street, turning right to go southbound on Park Street. Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Park Street. Driver-1 failed to yield before making his turn and was struck by Vehicle-2. Driver-1 fled the area without stopping to provide their information.

200 Block Lawyers Road, NW 21-002559

May 16 3:40 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling northbound on Lawyers Road when the driver lost control on a curve and struck a utility pole. Driver-1 was transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Reckless Driving.

100 Maple Avenue, East 21-002595

May 17 8:50 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.

500 Block Maple Avenue, West 21-002590

May 18 1:04 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue approaching Nutley Street. Vehicle-1 was entering the roadway from 538 Maple Avenue and struck Vehicle-2.

Nutley Street and Courthouse Road, SW 21-002600

May 18 9:52 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling west on Courthouse Road, through the intersection of Nutley Street with a green traffic light. Vehicle-3 was traveling west on Courthouse, turning right onto Nutley in the adjacent lane. Vehicle-1 was traveling northbound on Nutley Street, entered the intersection striking both vehicles, and then fled the scene without stopping. Driver-2 was transported by rescue personnel to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. A passenger in Vehicle-3 was treated at the scene for minor injuries.

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 MAY 24, 2021

- Continue with pouring building foundations
- Continue forming and pouring foundation walls
- Haul of spoils from building footings
- Haul in and compact suitable on East elevation
- Community Construction Meeting May 24, 2021, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., held at the Vienna Police Department located at 301 Center Street, South, Vienna, VA 22180

WEEK OF MAY 31, 2021

- Continue forming and pouring foundation walls
- Haul of spoils from building footings
- Haul in and compact suitable on East elevation

**** 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.**