



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

May 28, 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 21, 2021 – May 28, 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

Lost Property 21-002632

Whole Foods

143 Maple Avenue, East

April 20 between 12:00 p.m. and 12:10 p.m.

An employee reported a cell phone was missing from the store.

Sex Offense 21-002694

Highland Street, NW

Between May 20 at 6:00 a.m. and May 25 at 8:49 a.m.

A resident reported that his juvenile daughter had been communicating with someone for a few days over social media. The communication became more explicit and the man began sending pornographic images. This case is being investigated.

Violation of a Protective Order 21-002750

100 Block Center Street, South

May 20 11:35 a.m.

On May 27, a resident reported that her daughter has been sending her text messages in violation of her protective order. This case is under investigation.

Lost Property 21-002634

Vienna Community Center

120 Cherry Street, SE

May 21 6:50 a.m.

A citizen reported that they lost a set of keys near the bike trail at the Community Center.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 21-002673

Wawa

465 Maple Avenue, West

May 22 11:47 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a suspicious man in the parking lot. Upon their interaction with the man, they detected signs of impairment.

MPO Smith arrested the 26-year-old man from Whippoorwill Terrace in Chantilly, Virginia. After being trespassed from Wawa, he was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Drunk In Public.

Found Property 21-002678

400 Block Church Street, NE

May 23 8:20 a.m.

A resident dropped off ammo for destruction.

Police Service 21-002679

Vienna Town Green

144 Maple Avenue, East

May 23 10:20 a.m.

Officers assisted in searching for a mentally challenged man who was walking with a group when he became separated from them. The man was located a short time later and reunited with his group.

Assault 21-002682

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

May 23 12:30 p.m.

A resident was in the community laundry room of his apartment building when another resident came in and began arguing with him. The other man then spat in the resident's face. An officer was able to speak to both men and allow them to calm down. The resident was advised of the warrant process should he wish to pursue charges.

Animal Case – Quarantine 21-002684

1100 Block Redwood Drive, SE

May 23 2:30 p.m.

A citizen was walking his dog when another dog ran out of his yard and attacked his dog. While attempting to separate the animals, the citizen was bitten on the hand. The owner of the attacking dog was advised of the quarantine procedure.

Destruction of Property 21-002685

Vienna Elementary School

128 Center Street, South

May 23 5:08 p.m.

A dispute between juveniles escalated when one of the juveniles pushed the other's bike over, damaging it.

Vehicle Tampering 21-002758

300 Block Charles Street, SE

Between May 24 at 12:00 p.m. and May 28 at 11:00 p.m.

A resident reported that someone entered their vehicles and rummaged through them.

Animal Case 21-002698

Hope Advanced Veterinary Center

140 Park Street, SE

May 25 1:30 p.m.

The Health Department reported that a citizen found a cat in grave condition and brought it to the Veterinary Center. The staff determined the cat needed to be euthanized. Due to the cat's symptoms, ACO Barker transported the animal to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter for rabies testing.

Petit Larceny 21-002706

100 Block James Drive, SE

Between May 25 at 3:00 p.m. and May 26 at 5:50 a.m.

A resident reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle and stole loose change.

Natural Death 21-002705

1100 Block Pekay Street, SW

May 26 12:52 a.m.

Officers responded to assist rescue personnel with a resident who suffered from medical issues and was found deceased in her home.

Suspicious Event 21-002742

Burke & Herbert Bank

302 Maple Avenue, West

May 26 between 8:20 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

A citizen parked her vehicle in the parking lot of the bank. When she returned to the vehicle, the rear passenger window was shattered. The cause of the damage could not be determined but may have been the result of a lawn crew mowing in the area.

Animal Case 21-002725

200 Block Commons Drive, NW

May 26 10:00 a.m.

ACO Barker responded to assist a resident with a bat in his home. The bat was captured in the area of the master bedroom. ACO Barker transported the bat to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter for rabies testing.

On May 27, the Health Department reported that the rabies test on the bat came back with negative results.

Police Service 21-002728

Ayr Hill Avenue, NE

May 26 1:11 p.m.

A resident reported that his juvenile daughter became upset after an argument with a friend and left home. A short time later, the mother located her daughter at a nearby park.

CRASHES

200 Block Maple Avenue, East 21-002594

May 18 3:20 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue, slowing for the red traffic light at Glyndon Street. Vehicle-1 was exiting a parking lot to turn left onto eastbound Maple Avenue and struck Vehicle-2.

300 Block Maple Avenue, East 21-002743

May 27 8:36 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling in the left eastbound lane on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was attempting to turn right out of the parking lot at 395 Maple Avenue when the two vehicles collided.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Yield Before Entering a Highway.

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 31, 2021

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

Week of June 07, 2021

- Continue forming and pouring North and south foundation walls
- Start excavation for elevator pit
- Haul off spoils from building footings
- Haul in and compact suitable soils 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.**