



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

July 2, 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 June 25, 2021 – July 1, 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)

On July 1, 2021, Citizens will be able to access Community Policing data via <https://data.virginia.gov/stories/s/rden-cz3h>. The Vienna Police Department had started complying with this state law in July of 2020. The portal will contain all non-consensual investigatory stops made by the Vienna Police Departments and other law enforcement agencies in the commonwealth.

Car Thefts and Tamperings

The National Capital Area and specifically the Northern Virginia area, has seen increased vehicle tampering incidents and vehicle thefts. In some incidents, suspects entered homes through unlocked doors and open garage doors to steal property and keys to vehicles. The suspects then used the vehicle keys to gain entry into vehicles and use them to get away. The Vienna Police Department would like to remind our community members to please stay vigilant, close and lock all doors of residences and garages to prevent criminals from targeting your property.

If you see suspicious activity or persons, we ask that you notify the police department at 703-255-6366 or, in the case of an emergency 9-1-1

INCIDENTS

Petit Larceny 21-003343

1000 Avery Court, SW

Between June 19 at 12:00 p.m. and June 21 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that someone stole a bicycle from his carport.

Lost Property 21-003390

300 Block Windover Avenue, NW

Between June 23 at 10:00 a.m. and June 25 at 5:00 p.m.

A resident reported that she lost her purse.

Domestic Assault 21-003391

Shepherdson Lane, NE

June 25 6:25 p.m.

A resident reported that her adult son threatened her with a knife. The son went to stay at a friend's house for the night. The resident was advised of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges.

Suspicious Event 21-003449

Emmaus United Church of Christ

900 Maple Avenue, East

June 26 12:00 p.m.

An employee reported a suspicious note that was left in the prayer bowl at the Church.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 21-003405

Shepherdson Lane, NE

June 26 7:22 p.m.

A resident reported that her adult son was intoxicated, making suicidal statements, and was threatening to kill her and her other son.

PFC Gucwa arrested the 25-year-old man. He was transported to an area hospital where a Temporary Detention Order was served on him and he was held for treatment.

Grand Larceny 21-003419

Sheets Wholesale

430 Mill Street, NE

June 27 8:40 p.m.

An employee reported that someone forced entry into the storage area and stole twenty-five trash cans.

Found Property 21-003426

231 Dominion Road, NE

June 28 10:00 a.m.

A Town of Vienna Parks employee turned in a portable battery pack and headset that were found in the area. An officer notified the owner to retrieve his property.

Found Property 21-003458

**Southside Park
1317 Ross Drive, SW**

June 29 10:00 p.m.

An officer found a bag containing sports medals and a medical kit in the dugout of one of the fields.

Petit Larceny 21-003486

**Dollar Tree
264 Cedar Lane, SE**

July 1 12:00 p.m.

An employee reported that a bag containing her personal belongings was stolen from the bagging area of her checkout station.

Fraud 21-003487

900 Block Moorefield Hill Grove, SW

July 1 1:28 p.m.

A resident reported that he received a phone call on his cell phone that was identified as his bank's customer service. The caller was checking to see if a charge to the resident's account was legitimate. When the resident advised it was not a legitimate transaction, the caller advised him to send the fraudulent amount through Zelle to create a new account and stop the fraudulent activity. After the resident completed the transfer, he realized the call was a scam.

CRASHES

503 Maple Avenue, West 21-003339

June 23 12:30 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was parked in a parking lot. Vehicle-2, a Town of Vienna DPW vehicle, entered the parking lot and stopped to allow a passenger out. Driver-1 did not see Vehicle-2 and backed his vehicle into it causing minor damage to his vehicle.

800 Maple Avenue, East 21-003399

June 26 10:44 a.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound on Maple Avenue in the right lane. Vehicle-2 stopped abruptly 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.

100 Block Maple Avenue, East

June 30 12:37 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound in the right lane of traffic. Vehicle-1 attempted to merge into the left lane and struck 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 July 5, 2021

- Pour Northwest corner of foundation walls
- Start preparing the basement slab on grade
- Start installation of under-slab MEP
- Haul in suitable soils.

Week of July 12, 2021

- Begin pouring basement slab on grade
- Continue installation of under-slab MEP
- Delivery and Installation of basement Air-Handling Unit
- Begin installation of foundation wall waterproofing and drain tile

**** 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



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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.**