



## VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

July 9, 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 July 2, 2021 – July 8, 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))

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**

### **Animal Case – Quarantine 21-003479**

**400 Block Holmes Drive, NW**

**June 30 12:00 p.m.**

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

### **Suspicious Event 21-003491**

**200 Block Church Street, NE**

**July 1 7:49 p.m.**

A resident reported ongoing issues with his neighbor over two trees that he planted along the property line. The neighbor cut down one of the trees. The resident advised the neighbor to stay off his property.

### **Domestic Dispute 21-003548**

**Ninovan Road, SE**

**July 3 5:28 p.m.**

A resident reported that his teenage son became irate while they were having a dispute.

### **Destruction of Property 21-003564**

**House of Vape**

**141 Church Street, NW**

**July 4 4:02 a.m.**

Due to a burglary that had just occurred at a similar business in town, officers responded to check the House of Vape. They found someone smashed one of the double-paned windows to the business, but were unable to gain entry to the store. Security video shows the incident occurred just a few minutes before the burglary at Tobacco & Vape King. (*Reference Incident #21-003563*)

### **Burglary 21-003563**

**Tobacco & Vape King**

**332 Maple Avenue, West**

**July 4 4:04 a.m.**

Officers responded to the report of a burglary. Upon their arrival, they found the glass front door was smashed. The persons involved had already fled the scene. An employee reported cash boxes, cigarettes, and vaping cartridges were taken. (*Reference Incident #21-003564*)

### **Counterfeiting 21-003567**

**Walgreens**

**225 Maple Avenue, East**

**July 4 11:58 a.m.**

An employee reported that a man attempted to make a purchase using counterfeit money. When the employee advised the man that he could not accept the fraudulent bill, the man left the items and walked out of the store.

**Domestic Dispute 21-003575**  
**500 Block Lincoln Street, NW**  
**July 4 11:50 p.m.**

A resident reported a verbal dispute he had with his adult son. The son left the residence before officers arrived.

**Suspicious Person 21-003583**  
**7-11**  
**537 Maple Avenue, West**  
**July 6 4:49 a.m.**

An employee reported a man was in the store yelling at customers and waving around a ratchet. The man left the store before officers arrived.

**Police Service 21-003589**  
**Vienna Community Center**  
**120 Cherry Street, SE**  
**July 6 4:40 p.m.**

Officers responded to the Community Center to assist staff with a teenage juvenile who ran away from the Phoenix Club without permission. The juvenile was located in the area of the Vienna Elementary School, brought back to the Community Center, and released to the custody of her foster parents.

**Suspicious Event 21-003624**  
**Ware Street and Kingsley Road, SW**  
**July 7 between 7:00 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.**

On July 8, a resident reported that she and her husband were walking in the area the previous night when they observed an older man in a parked vehicle with another person and thought their behavior was suspicious.

**Arrest – Warrant Service 21-001878 and 21-003640**  
**100 Block Patrick Street, SE**  
**July 8 8:55 p.m.**

Officers responded to a residence to serve two capias on a man who resides there. Ofc. McElhattan arrested the 19-year-old man and transported him to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. A capias was served charging Failure to Appear on the charge of Assault from Incident #21-0078 (*Vienna Police Highlights – April 16, 2021*) and a capias from Fairfax County was served charging Violation of the Conditions of Release for Violating a Protective Order.

**CRASHES**

**Maple Avenue and W&OD Bike Trail, NE 21-003536**  
**July 3 7:19 a.m.**

Two vehicles were traveling westbound on Maple Avenue in the same lane of traffic. Vehicle-2 stopped for the red light at the W&OD Trail. 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 July 12, 2021

- Continue forming and pouring west foundation wall
- Continue backfill
- Continue MEP under-slab rough-in

#### Week of July 19, 2021

- Prep for slab on grade
- Pour slab on grade
- Steel delivery and prep for hanging basement level steel

**\*\* 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.**



# NEWS RELEASE

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July 8, 2021

## Town Wildlife Affected by Mysterious Illness

Wildlife managers throughout the region are hard at work trying to determine the source of a mysterious illness that is killing wild birds, including some in Vienna. Symptoms of the avian illness include eye swelling and crusty discharge as well as neurological signs.

“We’ve seen an uptick in reports of sick and dying birds in Vienna since the end of May,” said Animal Control Officer John Barker. “Until wildlife biologists can determine what is causing the birds to get sick, we’re appealing to the public to take action to help reduce the risk to wildlife in the region.”

Birds congregating at bird feeders and bird baths can transmit diseases to one another. Therefore, the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources recommends the following standard precautions:

- Stop feeding birds until this wildlife morbidity/mortality event subsides;
- Clean feeders and bird baths with a 10% bleach solution (one part bleach mixed with nine parts water), rinse with water and allow to air dry;
- While no human health issues have been reported, you should avoid handling birds unless necessary. If you do handle them, wear disposable gloves. If picking up a dead bird, place an inverted plastic bag over your hand to avoid direct contact with the bird, seal the bag and dispose of it in household trash;
- Keep pets (including pet birds) away from sick or dead wild birds as a standard precaution; and
- If at any time you find multiple dead birds in your yard over a short period of time, regardless of whether or not there is an ongoing bird mortality event, it is prudent to clean feeders and bird baths with a 10% bleach solution.

If you encounter sick or dead birds, please report them to the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources: [dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/diseases/bird-mortality-reporting-form](https://dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/diseases/bird-mortality-reporting-form).

**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.**