



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

July 16, 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 9, 2021 – July 15, 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

Fraud 21-003686

600 Block Gibson Dr, SW

Between January 1 12:00 a.m. and March 31 11:59 a.m.

A resident found a student loan on her credit report that she did not apply for.

Grand Larceny 21-003715

100 Block Courthouse Rd, SW

Between June 10 12:00 a.m. and June 14 12:00 a.m.

A citizen reported that a large charity donation bin for collecting clothes was stolen.

Petit Larceny 21-003750

FB Meekins Cooperative Preschool

900 Maple Avenue, East

Between June 17 12:00 p.m. and July 13 1:28 p.m.

An employee reported that someone stole money and several metro cards from the business.

Protective Order Violation 21-003736

1400 Block Cottage Street, SW

Between June 30 12:00 p.m. and July 12 11:59 p.m.

A resident reported a violation of a protective order that took place via text.

Fraud 21-003626

800 Block Hine Street, SE

July 7 between 12:00 p.m. and 12:10 p.m.

A resident reported receiving a phone call from a person identifying themselves as an amazon employee. The caller attempted to obtain the banking information of the resident to investigate an alleged suspicious transaction on her account. The resident became suspicious and immediately terminated the call after realizing it was a scam.

Trespassing 21-003628

Patrick Henry Library

101 Maple Avenue, East

July 8 12:27 p.m.

An employee requested police assistance with a person that had previously been trespassed from the library. The person was advised that she is not allowed in the library because she had been trespassed. The person left the library without further disruptions. Police advised the employee on how to obtain a warrant.

Trespassing 21-003675

200 Block Ross Dr, SW

July 9 8:13 p.m.

A resident requested police assistance with an ongoing dispute with a neighbor. The resident wished to have the neighbor trespassed from her property. The neighbor was identified and officially trespassed from the property.

Vandalism 21-003687

500 Block Lewis Street, NW

Between July 9 11:00 p.m. and July 10 6:00 a.m.

A resident reported that someone unscrewed several of his exterior garage lightbulbs and shattered them on his house roof, pavement, and car.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 21-003707

Aponi Rd, SE

July 11 1:59 p.m.

A citizen requested a welfare check on a resident. Officers arrived on the scene and met with the resident. After speaking with the resident and the family member, it was determined that police were not needed. The resident and the family member decided instead to visit a medical facility for the resident's assistance.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 21-003717

Hillcrest Dr, SW

July 11 8:54 p.m.

A resident requested police assistance with an emotionally disturbed person that was creating a disturbance inside the residence. Officers responded to the home and determined that the emotionally disturbed person needed medical help. The patient was transported to a medical facility.

Animal Case 21-003749

Hope Advance Veterinary Center

140 Park Street, SE

July 13 1:24 p.m.

A citizen reported that she attempted to pet a dog while she was inside an elevator and was bitten by the animal. The owners of the dog were contacted and advised of the 10-day quarantine.

Threats 21-003752

400 Block Council Dr, NE

July 13 5:30 p.m.

A resident going through an acrimonious divorce received a threatening phone call from an unknown individual using his wife's cell phone.

CRASHES

425 Maple Avenue, West 21-003588

July 6 4:21 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling Westbound on Maple Avenue West in the center lane. Vehicle-1 was attempting to make a left turn out of the parking lot at 425 Maple Avenue West. The driver of vehicle-1 stated that traffic stopped in the travel lane closet to the sidewalk and the driver waved for vehicle-1 to enter traffic. As vehicle-1 attempted to make a left turn, they collided with vehicle- 2. The driver of vehicle-2 stated that they went to the hospital the next day and were told there was an injury to their rib cage.

200 Block Center Street, S 21-003657

July 9 12:01 p.m.

Vehicle-1 reversed in the 200 Block of Center Street South. Vehicle-2 was directly behind Vehicle-1, and stopped on the roadway. Vehicle-1 reversed into Vehicle-2.

Driver-1 received a summons for not paying full time and attention.

300 Maple Avenue, East 21-003659

July 9 12:46 p.m.

Driver-1 was in a parking lot on the north side of the 300 Block of Maple Avenue East. Driver-2 was traveling westbound in the center turn lane of the 300 Block of Maple Avenue, East. Vehicle-1 made a left turn entering the highway and struck Vehicle-2.

Driver-1 received a summons for failing to stop before entering a highway.

200 Lawyers Road, NW 21-003658

July 9 1:15 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was attempting to turn left into the parking lot of 200 Lawyers Road NW and cut off Vehicle-2, traveling Southbound on Lawyers Rd NW. Vehicle-2 did not have time to stop and struck Vehicle-1.

Maple Avenue East/East Street, SE 21-003670

July 9 6:00 p.m.

Vehicle-2 stopped for the red light at Maple Avenue East / East Street SE when it was rear-ended by Vehicle-1. The driver of Vehicle-1 admitted to being distracted and not having enough time to stop before rear-ending Vehicle-2.

Driver-1 received a summons for not paying full time and attention.

Hit and Run - 431 Maple Avenue, West 21-003673

July 9 7:00 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was parked in the parking lot of 431 Maple Avenue West when it was struck by Vehicle-1. Vehicle-2 had damage along the passenger side, and the front passenger door is unable to open due to damage to the fender. Vehicle-1 fled the scene without exchanging information.

Hit and Run - 330 Center Street, North SE 21-003716

July 11 8:32 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Center Street North near the American Legion when Vehicle-1, traveling southbound in the opposite lane of travel, crossed over the double yellow line and sideswiped the driver-side rear fender. Vehicle-1 then fled the scene without exchanging information.

Hit and Run – Nutley Street, SW / Maple Avenue, West 21-003718

July 11 9:13 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped on the right left-turn lane of northbound Nutley Street, SW at the red light with Maple Avenue, West. Vehicle-1 was behind Vehicle-2 and sideswiped it from the same direction as it traveled into and through the left left-turn lane. The right front bumper of Vehicle-1 made contact with the rear right bumper of Vehicle-2 and maintained contact along the entirety of the vehicles' sides. Driver-1 did not recall striking Vehicle-2 and could not advise what happened. Driver-1 charged with hit and run and reckless driving.

Driver-1 received two summonses: Reckless Driving – General and Hit and Run.

303 Maple Avenue, West 21-003725

July 12 9:10 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was attempting to turn into the parking lot of 303 Maple Avenue, West. Vehicle-2 was in the parking lot trying to exit but blocking the entrance/exit. Driver-1 became impatient and aggressively attempted to turn into the parking lot but struck Vehicle-2's front fender. Vehicle-1 continued through the lot and eventually stopped where both drivers exchanged "words." The drivers separated by stating they were driving to the police to report it. There were no injuries - only minor property damage—Driver-1 at fault - improper turning.

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 19, 2021

- Complete MEP under-slab rough-in
- Prep for slab on grade
- Pour slab on grade
- Steel delivery and prep for hanging basement level steel

Week of July 26, 2021

- Start hanging basement level street
- Continue forming and pouring West foundation wall
- Start footings on community room

**** 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.**



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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.

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.**