



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

July 30, 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 23, 2021 – July 29, 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

Juvenile Case 21-003096

Park Street, SE

Between May 1 at 12:00 p.m. and June 12 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported obscene communication that their child received through a social media application.

Fraud 21-003970

400 Block Tapawingo Road, SW

June 28 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that someone fraudulently used his personal information to set up bank accounts.

Vandalism 21-004075

Branch Road Tot Lot

108 Branch Road, SE

Between July 1 at 12:00 a.m. and July 28 at 3:12 p.m.

A Town employee reported that someone used spray paint to vandalize the playground and fence.

Suspicious Event 21-004011

500 Block Roberts Drive, NW

Between July 7 at 12:00 p.m. and July 26 at 6:37 p.m.

A resident reported that they have not been receiving their mail or USPS deliveries. The resident was advised to notify the Postal Inspector.

Fraud 21-003976

700 Block Hunter Court, SW

Between July 20 at 8:00 a.m. and July 24 at 7:23 p.m.

A resident was speaking to a man he believed was from one of his financial institutions when the man instructed the resident to purchase several gift cards and provide him with the cards' information. The resident provided the man with a large sum of gift cards before he realized it was a scam.

Assault 21-003980

1001 Park Street, SE

July 25 2:59 a.m.

Four men were traveling in a vehicle on Park Street. Two of the men were having an argument that escalated to a physical fight. The driver pulled into the Cunningham Park School parking lot and he and the other passenger attempted to break up the fight. Rescue personnel responded to assess one of the men, but no further treatment was necessary. Neither man wanted to pursue charges against the other.

Petit Larceny 21-003990

100 Block Maple Avenue, West

July 25 between 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

An employee at Taco Bamba parked his vehicle in the parking lot at the rear of the shopping center. When he returned to the vehicle he found that someone placed a jack under the rear fender and stole a tire and the rear brake caliper from the brake assembly.

Police Service 21-003987

Vienna Police Station

319 Center Street, South

July 25 2:37 p.m.

A citizen brought two firearms to the station for destruction.

Petit Larceny 21-004019

400 Block Walker Street, SW

Between July 25 at 3:00 p.m. and July 27 at 7:57 a.m.

A resident reported that someone rummaged through their vehicle and stole US currency.

Lost Property 21-004077

Amma Vegetarian Kitchen

344 Maple Avenue, East

July 25 between 8:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

A citizen reported that they lost their cell phone, bank cards, and driver's license in the parking lot.

Petit Larceny 21-004023

1200 Block Ware Street, SW

Between July 26 at 8:00 p.m. and July 27 at 9:30 a.m.

A resident reported that someone entered their unlocked vehicle, rummaged through it, and stole coins from the console.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 21-004017

Park Street and Patrick Street, SE

July 27 1:56 a.m.

Officers responded to the area to locate an intellectually disabled man who walked away from his group home. The man was located near Kingsley Road and Cottage Street, SW. The man requested to speak to mental health professionals. An officer transported the man to an area medical facility for evaluation and treatment.

Narcotics Violation 21-004049

Glyndon Street and John Marshall Drive, NE

July 28 12:19 a.m.

An officer observed two vehicles turn from John Marshall Drive onto Glyndon Street and stop in the middle of the road at the end of the street, near the Town's Northside Property Yard. The officer found four juveniles in one of the vehicles and one standing outside of the other vehicle. Upon the officer's interaction with the five juveniles, he detected an odor of marijuana. The officer found the driver and two of the passengers in one of the vehicles had marijuana in their possession. Rescue personnel responded to assist one of the juveniles who began suffering a medical issue, however, the juvenile refused transport. The juveniles were verbally counseled and released to the custody parents.

Juvenile Case 21-004072

100 Block Lewis Street, NW

July 28 1:56 p.m.

Officers responded to the area for the report of a juvenile who ran away from the Green Hedges Summer Camp. The juvenile was located in the area of Lawyers Road and Walnut Lane, NW where the child's mother responded to take custody of her son.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 21-004101

100 Block Maple Avenue, East

July 29 11:14 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a man acting disorderly in the parking lot of the Vienna Inn. MPO Borja located the man on the W&OD Bike Trail near Church Street. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, she detected signs of impairment.

MPO Borja arrested the 26-year-old man from Ivy Oak Square in Reston, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Drunk In Public.

CRASHES

700 Block Nutley Street, SW 21-003958

July 23 1:45 p.m.

Two vehicles were stopped in traffic in the left southbound lane of Nutley Street. Driver-1 accidentally accelerated and Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

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

411 Maple Avenue, East 21-003959

July 23 3:08 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was turning right out of a parking lot. Driver-1 turned too wide and accelerated to avoid another vehicle that was approaching. Driver-1 then lost control of the vehicle and struck a telephone pole on the right side of the eastbound lanes. There was no damage to the telephone pole.

Lawyers Road and Malcolm Road, NW 21-003962

July 23 6:30 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling north on Lawyers Road, passing Malcolm Road. Vehicle-1 made a left turn onto Lawyers and struck Vehicle-2 causing minor damage.

Center Street and Ayr Hill Avenue, NE 21-003973

July 24 5:13 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was southbound on Center Street stopped at the stop sign for Ayr Hill Avenue. Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Ayr Hill, ran the stop sign for Church Street, and struck Vehicle-2 as they entered the intersection.

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

Park Street and the W&OD Bike Trail, near Cherry Street, SE 21-004008

July 26 2:45 p.m.

Vehicle-1 (a bicycle) was traveling on the W&OD Bike Trail approaching Park Street. Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Park Street. Driver-1 disregarded the stop sign on the bike trail, entered the travel lanes of Park Street, and was struck by Vehicle-2.

Driver-1 was transported to an area hospital by rescue personnel with non-life-threatening injuries.

200 Block Tapawingo Road, SE 21-004037

July 27 2:02 p.m.

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

Maple Avenue and Courthouse Road, SW 21-004073

July 28 1:30 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped at the red traffic light in the right eastbound lane of Maple Avenue at Courthouse Road. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2. Driver-1 fled the scene without stopping to provide their information.

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

On Deck with Mercury

Tuesday, August 10, 2021, between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Dunkin' Donuts

314 Maple Avenue, West

Chief Morris will be joining the Town Manager at this month's On Deck with Mercury.



HARD HAT CORNER

Week of August 02, 2021

- Start hanging basement steel
- Pour slab on grade
- Start footings on Community Room
- Re-start utility work on Center street and lower 8" water main
- Install storm structure 10 to 11

Week of August 09, 2021

- Continue installing storm structure 11 to 13 on Center Street
- Continue installing structural steel
- Pour leave-out of the foundation walls
- Backfill foundation walls.

**** 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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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.**