



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

August 13, 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 August 6, 2021 – August 12, 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

Vehicle Tampering 21-004312

900 Block Potterton Circle, SW

Between August 1 at 12:00 p.m. and August 8 at 10:56 a.m.

A resident reported that someone entered their unlocked vehicle and rummaged through it. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Animal Case – Quarantine 21-004280

Hope Advanced Veterinary Center

140 Park Street, SE

August 2 12:00 p.m.

The Fairfax County Health Department advised ACO Barker that a technician had been bitten by a cat during a procedure. The cat was released to the owner who resides in Fairfax County. The report was forwarded to the Fairfax County ACO for follow-up on the quarantine.

Animal Case – Quarantine 21-004281

Hope Advanced Veterinary Center

140 Park Street, SE

August 2 12:00 p.m.

The Fairfax County Health Department advised ACO Barker that a technician had been bitten by a cat during a procedure. The cat was released to the owner who resides in Arlington County. The report was forwarded to the Arlington County ACO for follow-up on the quarantine.

Animal Case – Quarantine 21-004327

800 Block Cottage Street, SW

August 2 12:00 p.m.

A resident was bitten by her granddaughter's cat. The resident was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

Lost Property 21-004345

100 Block Yeonas Drive, SE

Between August 3 at 8:00 a.m. and August 10 at 8:00 a.m.

A resident reported that he lost his credentials.

Domestic Dispute 21-004204

Cabin Road, SE

August 4 12:01 a.m.

Officers responded to a dispute between a resident and her husband.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 21-004259

Bear Branch Tavern

133 Maple Avenue, East

August 6 2:27 a.m.

Officers responded to the report of a fight. A citizen advised them that a man was intoxicated inside the restaurant and attempted to punch a woman. The citizen broke up the altercation and assisted the man out of the establishment. Upon the officers' interaction with the man, they detected signs of impairment. Ofc. McElhattan arrested the 29-year-old man from Oak Valley Drive in Vienna. An employee from the restaurant trespassed the man from the property. The man was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public.

Arrest - Vandalism 21-004297

200 Block Locust Street, SE

August 7 1:45 p.m.

A resident reported that she observed her adult son running outside of her apartment toward the rear of the home. A short time later she heard a window being smashed in her son's bedroom and immediately called a relative and police for assistance.

While officers were investigating the damaged property, additional officers were requested to assist rescue personnel near the park at Branch Road and Locust Street with a man suffering from a laceration to the chest. It was determined that the man was the resident's son. The man was transported by rescue personnel to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

PFC William obtained a warrant charging Destruction of Property for the man. The officer then went to the hospital where the 21-year-old man from Locust Street, SE in Vienna was being treated and served the warrant on him. The man was released on his signature.

Arrest – Assault 21-004310

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

August 8 3:31 a.m.

Officers responded to the report of a fight at an apartment where a party was being held. Officers observed a driver in a pickup truck trying to back out of a parking space while he was being assaulted by a man. The man had smashed the window of the truck with a piece of lumber and began to assault the driver. Another man was in the parking lot holding a gun. Officers were able to quickly take control of the incident. They determined the gun the man was holding was a BB gun, and he was the owner of the vehicle. Rescue responded to assess the driver and transported him to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Rescue personnel also responded to evaluate two others at the party, an infant who was sick and a woman in need of medical assistance.

OFC. McElhattan arrested a 37-year-old man from Charles Thompson Lane in Annandale, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Assault and Destruction of Property.

Arrest – Narcotics Violation 21-004323

200 Block Maple Avenue, West

August 8 10:19 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of an unconscious man on the sidewalk. When they arrived, they found the man was conscious and detected signs of impairment. The man refused assistance from rescue personnel.

MPO Shaw arrested the 22-year-old man from Ellison Street in Falls Church, Virginia. The officer found narcotics in the man's possession during the arrest, and a wanted check on him showed active warrants in Falls Church, Virginia, and Chesterfield County, Virginia. The man was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Drunk In Public and Possession of a Schedule I or II Drug. The warrants from Falls Church charging Failure to Appear on Possession of a Schedule I or II Drug, and Chesterfield County's charging Failure to Report for Drug/Alcohol Testing were served on him as well.

Police Service 21-004324

W&OD Bike Trail

600 Block Mill Street, NE

August 9 6:35 a.m.

An officer responded with rescue personnel to the bike trail for the report of an elderly man who had fallen. The man suffered from dementia and was unable to provide his address. The officer was able to locate the man's home address and he was safely returned to his family.

Destruction of Property 21-004330

200 Block Locust Street, SE

August 9 12:12 p.m.

The property manager of the apartments hired a contractor to power wash the buildings. The contractor reported that one of the residents came out of her apartment and flipped over the gas-powered power washer. This caused the machine to break and leak gasoline onto the grassy area. The contractor did not wish to pursue charges against the resident.

Found Property 21-004332

200 Block Whispering Wind Court, SE

August 9 12:50 p.m.

A resident reported a bicycle that was abandoned on the curb.

Suspicious Event 21-004367

100 Block Locust Street, SW

Between August 9 at 7:30 p.m. and August 10 at 8:21 p.m.

On August 10, a citizen called from another state requesting a welfare check on her brother after she was contacted by his employer when he did not show up to work. The citizen was concerned because no one was able to contact her brother, and a recent email indicated he was not feeling well. When officers responded to the man's residence, they found that his vehicle was not there and he did not appear to be at home. A teletype was sent to surrounding police agencies to check on the man's welfare.

On August 11, the citizen notified our department that her brother contacted her and advised that he is being treated at a local hospital.

Grand Larceny 21-004372

200 Block Locust Street, SE

August 10 1:00 p.m.

A man reported that he believes his brother may have stolen some of his clothing and shoes from his room. A protective order against this man prevents him from entering his home, so he is uncertain if the property has been taken. However, a neighbor advised him that she saw the brother removing some property from the residence.

Open Door 21-004354

600 John Marshall Drive, NE

August 10 4:30 p.m.

A resident reported that their neighbor's garage door was left open all week. Officers searched the residence and found that nothing appeared to have been disturbed.

Assault 21-004410

Zoes Kitchen

418 Maple Avenue, East

August 12 1:15 p.m.

An employee reported that a man, who has caused issues in the restaurant in the past, entered the restaurant and began screaming at one of the employees. The man then attempted to assault the employee. Another employee came to assist his co-worker and forced the man out of the restaurant. The man was trespassing from the restaurant. Officers advised the man that he would be arrested if he returned to the property. The employee was advised of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges.

CRASHES

435 Maple Avenue, West 21-004284

August 6 4:30 p.m.

Two vehicles were westbound in the right lane of traffic. Vehicle-2 slowed in traffic. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

Maple Avenue and Nutley Street, SW 21-4322

August 8 9:01 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue at the intersection of Nutley Street. Vehicle-2 was turning left from Nutley Street, NW onto eastbound Maple Avenue when the vehicles collided. Both drivers claimed they had the green light.

216 Dominion Road, NE 21-004360

August 10 5:42 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in a parking space when it was struck by Vehicle-1. Driver-1 fled the scene without providing their information.

Lawyers Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, NW 21-004366

August 10 8:20 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped on southbound Lawyers, making a left turn onto Ayr Hill Avenue. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

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

Nutley Street and Marshall Road, SW 21-004389

August 11 12:20 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped in the left travel lane on Nutley Street at the intersection of Marshall Road. Vehicle-1 was behind Vehicle-2. Driver-1 attempted to get into the left turn lane and struck Vehicle-2.

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

Maple Avenue near Nutley Street, NW 21-004396

August 11 6:32 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was in the left turn lane on westbound Maple Avenue to turn onto southbound Nutley Street. Vehicle-1 was exiting the parking onto westbound Maple Avenue. Driver-1 merged into the left turn lane to Nutley Street and struck the side passenger doors of Vehicle-2.

500 Block Moorefield Road, SW 21-004399

August 11 9:40 p.m.

Vehicle-1 struck a mailbox at a residence and fled the scene without stopping to provide their information.

Maple Avenue and Nutley Street, NW 21-004400

August 11 10:11 p.m.

Two vehicles were southbound on Nutley Street, NW at the intersection of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was in the left turn lane. Vehicle-2 was in the right turn lane. Driver-1 made an unsafe lane change and his vehicle struck 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 August 16, 2021

- Detail and install metal deck on first floor
- Install storm structures 13 to 16
- Complete East foundation walls at community room
- Pour leave out wall
- Install waterproofing on foundation walls
- Continue backfilling foundation walls

Week of August 23, 2021

- Continue installing storm structures 13 to 16
- Continue installing structural steel second floor
- Continue working on West 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.**



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.

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.**