



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

August 20, 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 13, 2021 – August 19, 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

Arrest – No Massage Therapy License 21-004453

Vienna Green Spa

111 Church Street, NW, Suite 202B

July 29 10:00 a.m.

A massage therapist at the spa was observed performing a massage without a Town permit or a certified State license.

On August 13, Sgt. Sheeran obtained two misdemeanor warrants for the message therapist charging No Town Message Therapy License and Practicing Massage Therapy without a Certified State License. On August 17, Ofc. Lichtenberg served the warrants on the 55-year-old woman from Swift Current Court in Burke, Virginia. The woman was released on her signature.

Petit Larceny 21-004456

100 Block Park Street, SE

August 9 12:30 p.m.

A citizen reported that a license plate was taken from his work vehicle.

Civil Matter 21-004437

100 Block Church Street, NE

August 13 8:00 a.m.

A resident and his sister were walking on the sidewalk in the 100 Block of Church Street, NE. They observed a Home Depot truck that was making a delivery. As the driver was unloading the material, a cargo strap came over the truck and struck the woman on the head. The driver quickly became uncooperative with the citizen and his sister. The citizen took his sister to an area facility for medical treatment for an injury to her head. An officer provided the citizen with information to remedy the civil matter with the truck driver.

Animal Case 21-004449

400 Block Malcolm Road, NW

August 13 10:00 a.m.

A citizen expressed concern to ACO Barker about a dog that was left out in the heat. The owners had provided a fenced yard and shelter for the dog. However, the extreme heat was still too hot for the animal. ACO Barker contacted the owners, who advised they could not bring the dog into the home due to its aggressive nature and fear of it biting family members. The owners decided to surrender the dog to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

Animal Case – Quarantine 21-004540

Banfield Pet Hospital

414 Maple Avenue, East

August 13 11:40 a.m.

The Health Department advised ACO Barker that a cat bit a technician during a medical procedure. The animal had returned home with its owner in Annandale, Virginia. The Health Department will follow up on the quarantine.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 21-004503

400 Block Maple Avenue, West

August 14 7:07 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a man in the street directing traffic and yelling at vehicles. MPO Smith located the man stumbling on the sidewalk. After speaking to the man, the officer detected signs of impairment.

MPO Smith arrested the 50-year-old man from Pen Lucy Road in Baltimore, Maryland. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Drunk In Public.

Arrest – Alcohol, Marijuana and Traffic Violations 21-004532

Patrick Street and Cottage Street, SW

August 15 11:53 p.m.

An officer observed a driver commit a series of traffic violations and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, he found that he was in possession of alcohol underage and in possession of Marijuana. The driver was unable to provide any identification. It was determined he did not have a valid driver's license.

MPO Smith arrested the 19-year-old man from Pepperdine Drive in Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Underage Possession of Alcohol, Possession of Marijuana, No Valid Driver's License, and other traffic violations.

Open Door 21-004553

Blend 111

111 Church Street, NW, Suite 101

August 16 5:46 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of an open door. They searched the restaurant and found nothing that appeared to be out of place.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 21-004559

Maple Avenue and Branch Road, SE

August 17 1:09 a.m.

An officer observed a vehicle traveling at an excessive speed and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, she detected signs of impairment. The driver failed to perform a series of field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest.

Sgt. Ruddy transported the 30-year-old woman from Mercado Way in Montgomery Village, Maryland, to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where she was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Refusal to Submit to a Breath Test.

Assault 21-004585

300 Block Kingsley Road, SW

August 17 9:55 p.m.

A resident reported that he was hosting a few friends at his house for the evening. He advised that someone posted a house party on social media at his address. A group of people whom he did not know showed up, and he asked them to leave. One of the men began assaulting the resident before the group fled the area. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate anyone from the group.

CRASHES

800 Maple Avenue, East 21-004500

August 14 12:30 p.m.

Pedestrian-1 was walking eastbound on the sidewalk in the 800 block of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was exiting the parking lot of the Westwood Country Club and struck the pedestrian, causing minor injury. The driver fled the scene without stopping.

700 Block Ware Street, SW 21-004526

August 15 2:47 p.m.

Vehicle-1 (a Town of Vienna pickup truck) was traveling northbound on Ware Street. Vehicle-2 was legally parked and unoccupied. Another vehicle was traveling southbound on Ware Street. Driver-1 was trying to avoid the oncoming vehicle and side-swiped Vehicle-2, causing minimal damage to Vehicle-2's side-view mirror.

400 Block Maple Avenue, East 21-04552

August 16 5:36 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue in the same lane. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2. Driver-1 fled the scene without providing their information.

Lawyers Road and Church Street, NW 21-004585

August 17 11:16 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling northbound on Lawyers Road when it struck a utility pole. Driver-1 fled the scene.

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 23, 2021

- Continue installing storm structures 13 to 16
- Continue installing structural steel on second floor
- Complete and inspect first floor metal deck
- Continue working on West foundation walls
- Continue waterproofing foundation walls
- Backfill foundation walls

Week of August 30, 2021

- Detail and install metal on second floor
- Pour first floor concrete slab
- Install storm structures 13 to 16
- Complete West foundation walls
- Install waterproofing on foundation walls
- Continue backfilling 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.**



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

New Town of Vienna Police Officers Graduate from Academy



(Pictured from Left to Right Deputy Chief Daniel Janickey, Capt. Thomas Taylor, Officer Emily Lichtenberg, Colonel James Morris, Officer David Reed, Officer Patrick Crandall, and Captain Tu Farhan)

On August 12th, 2021, Officer Emily Lichtenberg, Officer David Reed, and Officer Patrick Crandall graduated from the 78th Session of the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy. The graduation ceremony was held at the Centreville Baptist Church. Their graduation marks the culmination of a six-month training session in which newly hired police recruits receive training in all aspects of police procedures. The six-month basic recruit session is a non-residential training program consisting of over 920 hours of instruction. The curriculum includes but is not limited to 320 hours of academic studies, 94 hours of firearms training, 84 hours of emergency vehicle operation, 110 hours of physical training, and 130 hours of defensive tactics training.

The Criminal Justice Academy trains new and veteran officers from Vienna, Herndon, Fairfax County Police, the Sheriff's Office, and the Fairfax County Fire Marshal's office.

In order to attend the Academy and become a police officer, candidates must go through a rigorous application process which includes written testing, a thorough background check, medical examination, polygraph test, and various interviews. On average, only 2% of the people that apply to be a police officer make it through the hiring process and are invited to attend the basic recruit training session. The Town of Vienna Police Department has a full-time instructor on staff at the training facility.

For the next twelve weeks, Officer Emily Lichtenberg, Officer David Reed, and Officer Patrick Crandall will be assigned a Field Training Instructor (FTI). During those twelve weeks, the FTI will observe and guide the Officers' performance in officer safety, traffic enforcement, interaction with citizens, report writing, investigations of crimes, vehicular accidents, and many other aspects of enforcement duties.

Officer Emily Lichtenberg grew up in the Northern Virginia area and graduated from Freedom High School in Loudoun County. Emily is an avid Hockey player who also played lacrosse and cross country running. Emily comes from a law enforcement family as both of her parents are retired from the Arlington County Police Department.

Officer David Reed grew up in the Rockville area of Maryland. He received an Associate from Montgomery College in Rockville, MD. Prior to joining VPD, he was a volunteer EMT with the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue. In his time off, David enjoys reading.

Officer Patrick Crandall grew up in the Northern Pennsylvania area but spent most of his adult life in Western New York. He attended Binghamton University in New York and received a degree in economics. Before starting his career with VPD, he worked with disabled adults, construction demolition, and financial services planning management. In his off time, Patrick enjoys golf, Martial Arts, and motorcycles. During his time at the Criminal Justice Academy, Patrick's outstanding performance and highest GPA earned him the prestigious Academic Director Award.

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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.**