



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

August 27, 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 19, 2021 – August 26, 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 21-004663

200 Block Commons Drive, NW

Between August 13 12:00 p.m. and August 20 2:48 p.m.

A resident reported that someone attempted to open credit accounts without her consent using her personal information. The resident added that her computer had been compromised.

Tow Notice 21-004567

Windover Avenue, NW / Lawyers Road, NW

August 17 9:14 a.m.

A citizen reported a vehicle parked on the street for over a week.

Suspicious Event 21-004644

400 Block Victoria Court, NW

August 17 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported his wife as missing. Update on 8/23/21: Wife was located unharmed.

Lost Property 21-004617

Patrick Henry Library

164 Maple Avenue West

August 17 7:55 p.m.

A citizen reported that she lost a bag with personal items and was unsure of the locations where the bag was lost. Officers searched the area but were unable to find the bag or the contents.

Suspicious Event 21-004619

CVS

337 Maple Avenue East

August 19 12:34 a.m.

An employee reported a suspicious transaction attempted by a customer.

Petit Larceny 21-004705

Wawa

465 Maple Avenue West

August 19 between 9:59 a.m. and 10:05 a.m.

A manager wanted to report a shoplifting that took place two days prior.

Open Door/Window 21-004642

Skorpio's Maggio's Greek Family Restaurant

421 Maple Avenue East

August 19 5:35 p.m.

Officers responded to a report of an unsecured front door. Officers searched the business and did not see anything suspicious. Officers were able to secure the business door before leaving.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 21-004664

300 Block West Street, NW

August 20 3:54 p.m.

A resident requested police assistance with an emotionally disturbed person. After speaking to both parties, it was determined that there was no violation of the law. The emotionally disturbed person agreed to stay at the residence without creating any further disturbances.

Found Property 21-004673

Mill Street, NE / Church Street, NE

August 20 between 9:00 p.m. and 9:57 p.m.

A citizen turned in a found credit card.

Fraud 21-004688

400 Block Hine Street, SE

August 21 1:05 p.m.

A citizen attempted to purchase an item he saw online and was defrauded by the seller.

Found Property 21-004732

Shell Gas Station

252 Maple Avenue, West

August 23 5:07 a.m.

An officer found a credit card left at the air machine.

Arrests - Drunk in Public and Possession controlled substances 21-004747 & 21-4748

500 Block Ware Street, SW

August 23 11:53 a.m.

An officer was dispatched to a suspicious vehicle parked on the street. Dispatch had received a Virginia State Police look-out regarding a vehicle seen driving erratically and hitting a guard rail on I-66. The officers encountered two occupants inside the parked car and detected signs of impairment upon their interaction with the driver. The driver failed to perform a series of field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest. The passenger was in possession of scheduled IV controlled substances and was arrested as well.

Officer Crandall transported the 33-year-old man from Banks Road in Margate, Florida, to the Adult Detention Center, where he was charged with being Drunk in Public. MPO Lyons transported the 36-year-old woman from Hampton Street in Kensington, Maryland, to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where she was charged with possession of a schedule IV controlled substance. Both were remanded to the custody of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office.

Fraud 21-004825

500 Block Hillcrest, SW

August 23 12:00 p.m.

An elderly resident received a phone call from someone claiming to work for a well-known online retailer. The unknown caller informed her that a large purchase was fraudulently charged to her credit card account. The caller then requested her social security number and bank account information to receive fraud protection. The elderly resident provided the information to the caller.

Arrest - Drunk in Public 21-004758

Vienna Animal Hospital

531 Maple Avenue, West

August 23 7:36 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a man causing a disturbance. MPO Borja located the man alongside the outside of the Vienna Animal Hospital. After speaking to the man, the officer detected signs of impairment.

MPO Borja arrested the 50-year-old man with no fixed address for being Drunk in Public. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and remanded to the custody of the Sheriff's Office.

Arrest – Disorderly Conduct & Assault on Law Enforcement 21-004760

Maple Avenue East / East Street

August 23 8:44 p.m.

Officers responded to assist a Metro bus driver reporting that a man was refusing to leave the bus. Officers on the scene spoke to the man, but he continued to refuse to comply with the safety directions of the bus driver. The man was escorted out of the bus. The man then proceeded to wait for the next bus to arrive, and once inside the second bus, he refused to comply with the safety directions of the bus driver once again. While officers were attempting to arrest the man for disorderly conduct, he assaulted the officers.

PFC McElhattan transported the 66-year-old man from Manitoba Drive in Alexandria, Virginia, to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged him with Disorderly Conduct & Assault on Law Enforcement.

Police Service 21-00786

100 Block Tapawingo Road, SW

August 24 10:24 a.m.

A resident reported a few suspicious incidents at his home during the past few months.

Trespassing 21-004799

400 Block Church Street, NE

August 24 3:43 p.m.

A property manager requested police assistance with having a man hanging around his property, drinking, and leaving trash around the property trespassed. However, the man was not in the area when officers arrived.

Stolen Vehicle 21-004833

353 Maple Avenue, East

August 25 between 3:00 p.m. and 3:20 p.m.

A resident was selling a motorcycle online and met with a potential buyer near his home. The resident showed the potential buyer how to start the motorcycle, and the suspect rode away with the bike without paying for it.

Missing Person Juvenile 21-004839

Locust Street, SW

August 25 8:00 p.m.

Police responded to a residence to investigate a report of a missing juvenile. The juvenile was eventually found unharmed and was transported back to his home to reunite with his family.

CRASHES

Maple Avenue East / Beulah Road, NE 20-004618

August 18 8:58 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was attempting to turn left from the Center turn lane, on Maple Avenue Eastbound, to Northbound Beulah Road. Vehicle-2 was driving in the left lane of Maple Avenue, Westbound. The vehicle-1 driver started to turn left when she saw a vehicle driving towards her. Vehicle-2 swerved right to avoid Vehicle-1, and its right front tire hit the curb on Maple Avenue.

Driver #1 held at fault. Fail to Pay full-time and Attention.

Church Street, NE / Dominion Road, NE 20-004691

August 21 3:13 p.m.

Vehicle#2 was on Dominion Road at the stop sign, attempting to make a right turn. When Vehicle#2 began to make the turn, Vehicle#1 pulled up to the right side of Vehicle#2 within the same lane. Vehicle #2 turned into Vehicle#1 due to Vehicle#1 improper lane positioning in the lane.

Driver #1 held at fault. Fail to pay Full time and Attention.

Hit and Run – 900 Block Lynn Street, NW 21-004713

August 22 10:46 a.m.

Vehicle#1 was parked at 12:30 a.m. in front of the residence without any damage. At 10:46 a.m., the owner noticed there was rear and right side damage to the vehicle.

200 Locust Street, SE 21-004784

August 23 7:45 a.m.

The owner of Vehicle#1 indicated that she parked her car on 8/23/2021 at 7:45 a.m., and when she left her home again at 8:15 a.m., she noticed damage to the left rear of her vehicle. There was a small dent and some scraping evident.

Hit and Run - 337 Maple Avenue, East 21-004742

August 23 11:43 a.m.

The driver of Vehicle#1 was parked in the CVS parking lot (337 Maple Avenue East) at approximately 11:15 a.m. When he exited the store, he noticed that his car had been hit.

Maple Avenue, West / Nutley Street, West 21-004750

August 23 3:55 p.m.

Vehicle#2 was driving westbound on Maple Avenue, West. Vehicle #1 was driving Eastbound on Maple Avenue, West, and attempted a left turn onto northbound Nutley Street striking Vehicle#2.

Hit and Run - 316 Locust Street, SE 21-004755

August 23 4:18 p.m.

Vehicle#1 was legally parked on the street when it was struck by an unknown vehicle that fled the scene.

465 Maple Avenue, West 21-004752

August 23 4:25 p.m.

While waiting at a traffic light at Maple Avenue West and Nutley Road, NW, an officer observed a rear-end collision. Vehicle# 1 started moving before the light changing, striking vehicle 2 in the rear.

Driver #1 held at fault. Fail to Pay Full time and Attention.

Plum Street, SW / Tapawingo Road, SW 21-004759

August 23 7:55 p.m.

A bicyclist was traveling southbound on Plum Street, SW. The bicyclist disregarded the stop sign at Tapawingo Road, SW, and struck Vehicle#2.

362 Maple Avenue, East 21-004763

August 24 7:57 a.m.

The driver of Vehicle#1 was exiting the Starbucks drive-through to turn eastbound. The driver of a vehicle in the lane closest to the sidewalk waved the driver of Vehicle#1 out. Vehicle #1 struck Vehicle#2, traveling westbound in the lane close to the median.

Maple Avenue, East / Branch Road, SE 21-004798

August 24 2:59 p.m.

Vehicle#1 was traveling Eastbound on Maple Avenue, East, and Vehicle#2 was traveling northbound on Branch Road, SE. Vehicle#1 collided with Vehicle#2 at the intersection of Maple Avenue, East / Branch Road, SE. The driver of Vehicle#2 advised he had a green turn arrow to make a left turn onto Maple Avenue, East. The driver of Vehicle#1 reported she took her eyes off the road, and the light was red upon looking up.

Driver #1 was held at fault and charged with Failure to Pay Full time and Attention.

Maple Avenue, East / Branch Road, SE 21-004801

August 24 4:22 p.m.

The driver of Vehicle#1 was on Maple Avenue, East, in the left turn lane, waiting to turn left onto Branch Road, SE. Vehicle#2 was traveling Eastbound on Maple Avenue, East in the lane closest to the sidewalk. The driver of Vehicle#1 turned left into the intersection of Maple Avenue, East and Branch Road, SE into the path of Vehicle#2. Vehicle#2 collided with Vehicle#1 in the lane closest to the sidewalk in the intersection.

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 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

Week of September 6, 2021

- Continue installing storm structures 13 to 16
- Continue installing structural steel on roof level
- Complete and inspect metal deck on second floor
- Pour concrete on second floor deck
- Continue working on waterproofing West foundation walls
- Complete 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.**



**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 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.**