



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

September 3, 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 27, 2021 – September 2, 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

Grand Larceny 21-004907

500 Block Beulah Road, NE

Between June 29 at 12:01 a.m. and August 23 at 11:59 p.m.

A resident reported that someone stole jewelry from her home.

Animal Case 21-004844

Walnut Lane, NW

August 17 9:14 a.m.

A bicyclist reported that he was on Walnut Lane when he observed a father and son walking their dog. The dog got loose and bit the bicyclist. The bicyclist left the area without getting the information of the dog's owner for follow-up by the Animal Control Officer.

Animal Case – 21-004965

Hope Advanced Veterinary Center

140 Park Street, SE

August 21 12:00 p.m.

On August 30, an employee at the veterinary center reported that a citizen was bitten by his dog on August 21. On August 26, the citizen brought the animal to their facility to be euthanized. The animal was sent to the Fairfax County Health Department for rabies testing. The Health Department will follow up on this case as the citizen resides in Fairfax County.

Suspicious Event 21-004846

100 Block Park Street, NE

August 22 between 8:40 a.m. and 8:50 a.m.

Church volunteers reported a suspicious vehicle that drove by the church several times during one of their outdoor events.

Vandalism 21-004973

Center Street and John Marshall Drive, NE

Between August 25 at 5:00 p.m. and August 30 at 5:30 a.m.

A resident reported that someone damaged the rear window of his vehicle. The vehicle was legally parked on the roadway when the damage occurred.

Hit & Run / Suspicious Event 21-004842 and 21-004843

Tapawingo Road, SW / Nutley Street, SW

August 26 7:25 a.m.

A driver reported she was traveling eastbound on Tapawingo Road, turning right onto Nutley Street with a green traffic signal. As she entered the intersection, she struck a bicyclist. The driver exited her vehicle and offered to call the police and make a report. The bicyclist refused to exchange information or call the police. Instead, the bicyclist demanded money from the resident as compensation for the accident. The bicyclist left the scene before police arrived.

Lost Property 21-004853
300 Block Westview Court, NE
August 26 5:21 p.m.

A citizen reported that the front license plate is missing from her vehicle.

Missing Juvenile 21-004861
Plum Street, SW
August 26 between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

A resident reported that their child left home upset and they were unable to locate him. The child was soon located by a family friend and returned home safely.

Arrest - Hit & Run / Assault 21-004855
800 Block Glyndon Street, SE
August 26 5:40 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling southbound on Glyndon Street. Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound. The two vehicles sideswiped each other as they passed causing minor damage. Driver-1 refused to exchange information and an argument ensued. Driver-1 left the scene and returned a short time later with a hammer and threatened Driver-2. Driver-1 fled the scene again before officers arrived.

Driver-1 was issued two summonses charging Hit & Run and Assault.

Animal Case 21-004864
Center Street, N / John Marshall Drive, NE
August 26 8:40 p.m.

A resident reported that he was bitten by a dog that was being walked on a leash. The resident was running past the animal when it lunged and bit him.

Domestic Dispute 21-004934
West Street, NW
August 28 1:25 p.m.

Officers responded to a dispute between a resident and her teenage son.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated / Accident 21-004938
Maple Avenue and Park Street, SE
August 28 6:46 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped at the traffic light on Park Street. As the light turned green, it made a right turn onto eastbound Maple. Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue at a high rate of speed, disregarded the red traffic signal, and collided with Vehicle-2. Upon the officer's interaction with Driver-1, he detected signs of impairment and the odor of marijuana.

Driver-2 was treated at the scene by rescue personnel. Driver-1 was transported to an area hospital with minor injuries. Ofc. McElhattan responded to the hospital and arrested Driver-1 after she was discharged. Ofc. McElhattan transported the 23-year-old woman from Sandra Lee Court in Monrovia, Maryland to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where she was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Drugs and Failure to Obey a Traffic Signal.

Police Service 21-004954

Kramer Drive, SE

August 29 7:00 p.m.

Officers served an Emergency Custody Order on a resident. The resident was transported by Ofc. McElhattan to an area medical facility for evaluation.

Vandalism 21-004961

300 Block Ayr Hill Avenue, NE

August 30 6:49 a.m.

A resident reported that someone damaged the windshield of her vehicle. The vehicle was legally parked on the roadway overnight when the damage occurred.

Vandalism 21-004964

1000 Block Cottage Street, SW

August 30 10:04 a.m.

A resident reported that someone damaged the windshield of his vehicle. The vehicle was legally parked on the roadway overnight when the damage occurred.

Disorderly Conduct 21-004985

Chick-fil-A

538 Maple Avenue, West

August 31 9:06 a.m.

Officers responded to the report of a disorderly man who was damaging property and chasing employees. They located the man in the parking garage where he was acting erratically and was not responding to the officers' attempts to speak with him. The man was foaming at the mouth, appeared under the influence of an unknown narcotic, and showed signs of mental instability. The officers were able to subdue the man safely. Rescue personnel responded to the scene and transported the man to an area hospital for evaluation. This case remains under investigation.

Animal Case – Quarantine 21-005007

500 Block Kramer Drive, SE

August 31 9:00 p.m.

Officers responded with rescue personnel for the report of a dog bite. A resident reported that she was bitten by her dog. Rescue personnel transported the woman to an area hospital for treatment. The resident was advised of the 10-day quarantine for her dog. ACO Barker will follow up on this case.

Fraud 21-005027

BWT Tire and Auto Repair

303 Mill Street, NE

August 31 10:00 p.m.

A citizen who resides in Michigan reported that someone used her credit card for an unauthorized charge at Billy Weber Tire.

Arrest – Unlawful Entry 21-005009
1000 Block Maple Avenue, East
September 1 12:57 a.m.

A resident reported that the sensors on the rear door of his residence alerted him to movement. The resident then observed a person in his kitchen and notified the police. Officers located the woman outside of the home and placed her under arrest. After searching the home they determined that nothing appeared to have been taken by the woman. The resident believes the woman was a solicitor who came to their house earlier in the week. The woman initially gave the officers false information as to her identity.

Ofc. Reed transported the 25-year-old woman from 42nd Street, SE, Washington, DC to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. The woman was charged with Unlawful Entry and Providing False Identity to a Law Enforcement Officer.

Assault 21-005029
AT&T
211 Maple Avenue, East
September 1 8:02 p.m.

A woman became irate and verbally abusive with an employee when the employee advised her that she was unable to fix her phone. When the employee attempted to call 911, the woman grabbed her arm and hung up the phone. The employee did not wish to pursue charges against the woman. The woman was trespassed from the store by the employee. She was advised that she may be arrested if she returns.

CRASHES

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE 21-004892
August 27 11:01 a.m.

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

Park Street and Maple Avenue, SE 21-004909
August 2 3:21 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped at the red traffic signal on Park Street at Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 exited a parking lot and struck the rear of Vehicle-2.

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

Maple Avenue and East Street, NE 21-004914
August 27 4:49 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was eastbound on Maple, turning left onto northbound East Street. They collided with Vehicle-2 that was westbound on Maple Avenue.

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 September 06, 2021

- Continue installing storm structures 13 to 16
- Continue installing structural steel on roof level
- Complete and inspect metal deck Second floor
- Pour concrete on second floor deck
- Continue working on waterproofing West foundation walls
- Complete Backfill of foundation walls
- Start Hip roof on community room

Week of September 13, 2021

- Detail and install metal roof
- Pour concrete on community center slab on grade
- Install storm structures 13 to 16
- Install CMU walls on basement level
- Start exterior wall framing on South elevation

**** 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.**