



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

December 17, 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 December 10, 2021 to December 16, 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 case of an emergency 9-1-1.

INCIDENTS

Grand Larceny 21-007520

Caboose Brewing Company & Tavern

520 Mill Street, NE

December 8 between 7:35 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

A citizen reported that someone rummaged through his vehicle and stole US currency, a cell phone, a charger, and a credit card.

Shoplifting 21-007476

Giant Food

359 Maple Avenue, East

December 9 10:10 a.m.

An employee reported that he observed a man shoving items from the store shelves into a backpack. When the employee confronted the man, the man took the items out of the bag and threatened the employee as he left the store. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate the man.

Found Property 21-007478

200 Block Elm Street, SW

December 9 10:44 a.m.

A citizen found a cell phone in the area.

Suspicious Event 21-007481

Lily Spa

502 Maple Avenue, West

December 9 11:45 a.m.

A citizen reported some concerns about a business in their building. An officer investigated the concerns and found no violation.

Petit Larceny 21-007485

Panera

136 Maple Avenue, West

December 9 between 1:00 p.m. and 2:57 p.m.

A juvenile reported that someone stole his bicycle. The bicycle had been left unsecured outside of the restaurant.

Grand Larceny 21-007525

1000 Block Fairway Drive, NE

Between December 9 at 6:00 p.m. and December 10 at 9:30 a.m.

A resident reported that someone stole the catalytic converter from his vehicle.

Petit Larceny 21-007508
400 Block Course Street, NE
December 10 3:46 a.m.

A resident reported that someone stole the catalytic converter from her vehicle.

Lost Property 21-007604
800 Block Follin Lane, SE
December 10 between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

A citizen reported that he lost his wallet in the area.

Suspicious Event 21-007524
1100 Block Lakewood Drive, SW
December 10 6:10 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of an argument between two men. One of the men advised that he has had ongoing disputes with his neighbor and that during this argument the neighbor told him he had a knife. The man was advised of the warrant process should he wish to pursue charges against his neighbor.

Animal Case – Quarantine 21-007542
1100 Block Redwood Drive, SE
December 11 2:27 p.m.

A citizen reported that they were walking their dogs when a dog ran out of a residence and bit one of his dogs. Both dog owners were advised of the 10-day quarantine.

Domestic Dispute 21-007563
Park Terrace Court, SE
December 12 11:00 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a dispute between a resident and her boyfriend.

Fraud 21-007578
300 Block East Street, NE
December 13 5:28 p.m.

A resident reported that someone used her personal information to open a fraudulent bank account.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 21-007591

Chain Bridge and Glengyle Drive

December 14 1:07 a.m.

An officer observed a driver commit several traffic offenses and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, he detected signs of impairment. The driver failed to complete a series of field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest.

After the driver provided a sample of his breath for analysis, MPO Reedy transported him to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. The 26-year-old man from 14th Street, NW in Washington, DC was charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

Police Service 21-007594

400 Upham Place, NW

December 14 7:26 a.m.

Adult Protective Services requested that an officer check on an elderly resident. The officer spoke to the resident and a family member and found no issues in the home.

Petit Larceny 21-007611

300 Block Charles Street, SE

December 14 between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

A resident reported that a package that was delivered was stolen from her porch. The package contained clothing.

Suspicious Event 21-007630

Cedar Lane School

101 Cedar Lane, SW

December 15 10:30 a.m.

A juvenile student reported that she was walking on Cedar Lane when a man who was driving a black Honda slowed down to talk to her and suggested they go somewhere together. The juvenile told the man to leave and he drove away on Cedar Lane.

CASE UPDATES

None.

CRASHES

Nutley Street and Windover Avenue, NW 21-007488

December 9 5:44 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was on Windover Avenue in the intersection of Nutley Street. Vehicle-1 was traveling on Nutley Street when they struck Vehicle-2.

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

Maple Avenue near Nutley Street, SW 21-007515

December 10 12:44 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was on Maple Avenue, stopped in traffic approaching Nutley Street. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

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

328 Maple Avenue, East 21-007572

December 13 1:18 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling in the left westbound lane of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was turning right from a parking lot onto westbound Maple when they sideswiped Vehicle-2.

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 December 20, 2021

- Continuing installing masonry at the west and south site walls
- Continue CMU seat walls at the community plaza
- Continue working on MEP rough-in on the first and second-floor level
- Continue light gauge metal framing on the second-floor level
- Continue interior masonry walls on the first floor
- Complete installing exterior west elevation masonry walls
- Complete installing exterior air barrier
- Continue installing blue foam insulation on exterior walls

Week of December 27, 2021

- Start backfilling footings for the community plaza
- Find, grade, and install concrete subgrade at the community plaza
- Continue installing masonry at the west and south site walls
- Continue working on MEP rough-in on the first and second-floor levels
- Continue light gauge metal framing in the second floor
- Complete interior masonry walls on second floor
- Pour curb and gutter on Center Street
- Continue installing exterior masonry walls on the north wall

****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

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 the 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 seat 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



Safe Holiday Crime Prevention Tips

During the holiday season, crime increases. People in the holiday spirit are usually more relaxed, enjoying the season, staying up later at malls, shopping centers, and restaurants. Unfortunately, with good cheer comes complacency, and criminals take advantage of that. By remaining aware of the risks around the holiday season, you can better protect yourself and your loved ones.

When Out And About

- Be aware of your surroundings
- Pick a well-lit parking spot that does not block your vision or other people's view of you while entering or exiting your vehicle
- Never leave your vehicle running unattended
- Have your keys ready when walking to your vehicle
- Never leave valuables in plain sight and preferably take them inside
- When carrying your purse or wallet, remove any unnecessary items, leave them at home, so they're not easy targets
- Carry only cash needed to make your purchases and only the credit cards necessary to complete your shopping
- Have a plan with your children. Discuss a meeting point if you are separated and what would they do if approached by a stranger?

At Holiday Parties

- Be aware of your alcohol intake
- Never leave your drink unattended
- Have a designated non-drinking friend
- Intoxicated persons are easy prey

At Home

- Keep your lights on at home, around doors, windows, and driveway
- Trim hedges, bushes, and trees around your doors and windows to make it difficult for persons to hide
- Place gifts and valuables where they cannot be seen from outside
- Avoid opening the door to strangers
- Be aware of persons who steal packages, once delivered. Have items delivered elsewhere if possible – maybe your office, friends who are likely to be home, or a trusted neighbor

In Your Car

- When driving, lock your doors and close your windows
- When exiting your car, try not to do it alone. Have a friend present or do it when other groups of people are walking
- Walk to your car with a purpose, aware of your surroundings
- Do not exit your car if you see a suspicious situation. If in doubt or are approached, drive away, and call the police if necessary
- Do not let anyone approach you on foot while at drive-through ATM machines
- When safely parked at home, always lock your car, and make sure you have the keys to the vehicle and any spare keys removed

**The Vienna Police Department wishes everyone a
safe and happy holiday season!**



Town of Vienna Police Department

Emergency 9-1-1

Non-Emergency 703-255-6366