



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

December 22, 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 17, 2021, to December 21, 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 21-007664

Michaels

311 Maple Avenue, East

December 15 between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

An employee reported that someone stole her wallet from her purse while working.

Welfare Check 21-007660

500 Block Meadow Lane, SW

December 16 2:43 p.m.

A citizen requested a welfare check of a town resident. Officers responded to the house and checked on the resident. The officers contacted the resident, who advised she was doing well.

Suspicious Event 21-007665

100 Block Beulah Road, NE

December 16 between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

A business owner reported a suspicious incident with a dissatisfied customer.

Destruction of Property 21-007774

Waters Fields

300 Center Street, South

Between December 17 12:00 a.m. and December 19 12:00 a.m.

A Town of Vienna employee reported four burn marks discovered on the field.

Fraud 21-007690

200 Block Locust Street, SE

December 17 between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

A resident reported that an unknown person made a purchase online using one of her credit cards.

Animal Case 21-007686

500 Block Alma Street, SE

December 17 4:30 p.m.

A resident reported that while walking on the W&OD trail, he passed a young woman walking three dogs. While passing the woman, one of the dogs nipped him on the arm.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 21-007739

Maple Avenue, East and Niblick Drive, SE

December 19 2:04 a.m.

PFC McElhattan was assisting MPO Reedy in directing traffic during the cleanup of a two-vehicle accident. PFC McElhattan attempted to give directions to a driver approaching the crash scene. The driver did not follow PFC McElhattan's directions and almost struck him with the vehicle. Upon interaction with the driver, the officer detected signs of impairment. The driver failed to complete a series of field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest.

The driver refused to provide a sample of his breath, and PFC McElhattan obtained a search warrant for the driver's blood.

The 46-year-old man from Hiteshow Drive in Frederick, MD, was charged with Driving While Intoxicated, Refusal to provide a breath sample, and Disregarding a signal by a law enforcement officer. He was remanded to the custody of the Sheriff's Department.

Grand Larceny 21-007752

T-Mobile

216 Maple Avenue, West

December 19 1:37 p.m.

An employee reported that two males came into the store and stole several phones from the display counter.

Destruction of Property 21-007761

Waters Fields

300 Center Street, South

December 19 11:16 p.m.

A resident reported that a vehicle was driving on the grass on Waters Field, causing damage. Officers responded to the scene and located a vehicle with two juveniles. After investigating the allegations, officers arrested the two juveniles.

Petit Larceny 21-007775

Vienna Elementary School

128 Center Street, South

December 20 between 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

A resident reported that his son's bicycle was stolen from the Vienna Elementary School.

Suspicious Event 21-007772

500 Block Nelson Drive, NE

December 20 10:43 a.m.

A resident reported that a suspicious person was inside her home's backyard. Police responded to the residence and searched the area for the person with negative results.

Petit Larceny 21-007781

7-11

427 Maple Avenue, East

December 20 between 9:55 p.m. and 10:15 p.m.

An employee reported that a man entered the store and stole two large packs of beer.

Petit Larceny 21-007783

7-11

427 Maple Avenue, East

December 20 between 11:00 p.m. and 11:09 p.m.

An employee reported that a woman entered the store and stole several cans of beer.

CASE UPDATES

None.

CRASHES

1111 Cottage Street, SW 21-007647

December 16 7:15 a.m.

A Vehicle was traveling Northbound in the 1100 Block of Cottage Street, SW, when a deer ran out in front of it. The vehicle struck the deer.

225 Locust Street, SW 21-007743

December 19 9:40 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was exiting their townhome's parking lot attempting to make a left turn onto Locust Street, SE. Vehicle-2 was heading East on Locust Street, SE, when Vehicle-1 pulled out in front of them. Vehicle-2 struck Vehicle-1 and drove them into Vehicle-3. Vehicle-3 was parked unoccupied on Locust Street

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

Maple Avenue, East and Niblick Drive, SE 21-007738

December 19 1:19 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling Eastbound on Maple Avenue, East approaching Niblick Drive SE. Vehicle-1 attempted to turn from northbound Niblick Drive, SE onto Westbound Maple Avenue, East and struck Vehicle-2 on the vehicle's passenger side.

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

Maple Avenue, East and Glyndon Street, NE 21-007663

December 16 6:00 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped at Maple Ave, East and Glyndon Street, NE. The driver of Vehicle-1 was not looking at the road and rear-ended Vehicle-2.

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

427 Maple Avenue, East and Niblick Drive, SE 21-007756

December 19 6:49 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped in the Westbound traffic lane at 427 Maple Avenue East, waiting for the traffic light at Beulah Road and Maple Avenue, East. Vehicle-1 rear-ended Vehicle-2 traveling in the same lane.

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

Church Street, NE and Park Street, NE 21-007773

December 20 12:52 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling Westbound on Church Street after stopping at the stop sign at Church Street NE / Park Street, NE. Vehicle-1 entered the intersection, striking Vehicle-2, which was already in the intersection, traveling Southbound on Park Street, NE.

Nutley Street, SW near Courthouse Road, SW 21-007820

December 21 4:30 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped at the traffic at Nutley Street and Courthouse Rd. Vehicle-1 was traveling directly behind Vehicle-2 and failed to stop in time, rear-ending Vehicle-2. Vehicle-1 fled the scene after the accident occurred.

Please contact Juan Vazquez for further information on any of these cases at Juan.Vazquez@viennava.gov or 703-255-7845.

CITIZEN NOTES



HARD HAT CORNER

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 the second floor
- Pour curb and gutter on Center Street
- Continue installing exterior masonry walls on the north wall

Week of January 3, 2022

- Continue installing masonry at West and South site walls
- Continue CMU seat walls at the Community plaza
- Continue working on MEP rough-in on the first and second floors
- Continue Light Gauge Metal Framing on the second floor
- Continue interior masonry walls on the second floor
- Complete installing exterior West elevation masonry veneer walls.
- Continue installing Hardie board on exterior 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

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