



# VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

April 7, 2023

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from March 31, 2023 to April 6, 2023. Readers are reminded an “arrest” is based upon probable cause and does not always mean someone was physically taken into custody. Furthermore, it does not mean 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](mailto: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.

## UPDATE – Car Thefts and Tamperings

The National Capital Area, specifically the Northern Virginia area, has seen increased vehicle tampering incidents and vehicle thefts. A recent pattern has been identified where suspects enter the area in stolen vehicles and cruise streets between 3:00 AM and 7:00 AM. In addition to rifling through unlocked cars for valuables and money, they steal the vehicle when they encounter keys left in it. The Vienna Police Department would like to remind our community members to please stay vigilant, secure their cars and take the keys inside, and close and lock all doors of residences and garages to prevent criminals from targeting your property. Additionally, please call the police if you notice suspicious vehicles or people in your area, and share Ring doorbell or other security camera footage with us if you capture video related to these incidents. The Vienna Police Department is working closely with other Law Enforcement agencies in the region, coordinating our resources to investigate these crimes.

**If you see suspicious activity or persons, we ask you to immediately notify the police department at 703-255-6366 or, in case of emergency call 911.**

## **INCIDENTS**

### **Fraud 23-002624**

**500 Block Lewis Street, NW**

**Between March 17 at 12:00 p.m. and March 24 at 12:00 p.m.**

A resident reported someone used her husband's personal information to gain access to their bank account and open lines of credit.

### **Reckless Driver 23-002670**

**Vienna Rexall**

**150 Maple Avenue, West**

**March 25 6:12 p.m.**

An employee reported a woman stole the tip jar after purchasing her prescription. The employee confronted the woman when she left the store and entered the vehicle's passenger side. When other employees came out to assist, the woman returned the tip jar and yelled at the elderly driver to leave the parking lot. When the employees tried to stop the vehicle from leaving, the woman began pushing the driver's leg and grabbed the steering wheel to flee the scene, risking the employees' safety.

The employees declined to pursue charges for the larceny. The reckless driving incident remains under investigation.

### **Petit Larceny 23-002748**

**307 Maple Avenue, West**

**March 28 between 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.**

An employee reported her cell phone was stolen from her office.

### **Missing Juvenile 23-002767**

**200 Block Cedar Lane, SE**

**March 29 8:45 a.m.**

A resident reported her teenage son ran out of the home without permission. The son returned home later the same day.

### **Open Door 23-002838**

**200 Block Ross Drive, SW**

**March 31 4:35 p.m.**

A neighbor reported an open door at an abandoned residence. Officers searched the house, did not observe anything suspicious, and secured the door.

**Fraud 23-002937**

**500 Block Stephen Circle, SW**

**Between March 31 at 4:53 p.m. and April 4 at 3:00 p.m.**

A resident received a delivery that contained an iPad from AT&T. The resident went to the AT&T Store where she was told someone used her personal information to order the iPad and open an account.

**Welfare Check 23-002849**

**500 Block Orchard Street, NW**

**March 31 10:00 p.m.**

A citizen reported receiving concerning text messages from his friend and requested an officer check on his welfare. An officer spoke to the man's mother who called her son and verified that he did not require any assistance.

**Found Property 23-002900**

**1000 Block Cottage Street, SW**

**April 1 between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.**

A resident reported someone stole his son's bicycle and left another bicycle in its place. He recovered his son's bicycle near Kingsley Road and Hillcrest Drive, SW. The found bicycle was brought back to the police station to be released to its owner.

**Grand Larceny 23-002876**

**Walgreen's**

**225 Maple Avenue, East**

**April 2 between 1:46 p.m. and 2:20 p.m.**

An employee reported her wallet was stolen and unauthorized purchases were made with her credit cards.

**Suspicious Event 23-002896**

**500 Block Branch Road, SE**

**Between April 2 at 2:00 p.m. and April 3 at 3:00 p.m.**

An elderly resident reported a possible scam after two men came to her residence advising they were following up with former customers whose roofs they had replaced. The resident permitted the men on the roof. The men advised the resident they made some repairs and charged her a large sum of money. After the men left, the resident and her husband became concerned that they may have defrauded them and stopped payment of the check. An officer spoke to a woman who claimed to be with the men's company and she advised they would not seek payment for the work that was done.

**Animal Case – Quarantine 23-002986**

**Vienna Dog Park**

**700 Courthouse Road, SW**

**April 2 5:30 p.m.**

On April 6, the Health Department advised ACO Barker of a dog bite at the park on April 2. They had the name of the woman who was bitten. However, they did not have information on the dog or its owner. ACO Barker spoke to the woman who advised it was her friend's dog but she refused to provide their information to him for the quarantine.

**Petit Larceny 23-002905**

**Wells Fargo**

**212 Maple Avenue, East**

**April 3 between 1:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.**

An employee reported he walked from the bank to the 7-11 at 427 Maple Avenue, East. During that time, someone took his cell phone. He is not certain where the phone was taken.

**Open Door 23-002910**

**500 Block Kibler Circle, SW**

**April 3 8:56 p.m.**

A resident was away and requested an officer check her home after she observed a suspicious incident on the security camera. A delivery man rang the doorbell, then tried to open the door when he got no response. Officers found an unlocked door and searched the residence. No one was in the home and nothing appeared suspicious.

**Emotionally Disturbed Person 23-002911**

**Glyndon Street, SE**

**April 3 9:16 p.m.**

A resident advised their adult son made some concerning statements before walking away from the home. The son was located by his mother a short time later and returned home with her. Officers spoke to the son and determined no further assistance was needed.

**Emotionally Disturbed Person 23-002915**

**Cedar Lane, SE**

**April 4 3:57 a.m.**

A resident reported her husband was suffering from emotional issues. When officers spoke to the man, they determined he did not need immediate assistance and would follow up with his doctor later the following day.

**Arrest – Drunk In Public 23-002973**

**900 Block Hillcrest Drive, SW**

**April 5 between 4:59 p.m.**

A resident reported a suspicious person in their backyard. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, they detected signs of impairment and placed him under arrest.

Ofc. Reed transported the 20-year-old man whose address is unknown to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public.

**Missing Juvenile 23-002975**

**200 Block Cedar Lane, SE**

**April 5 10:30 a.m.**

At 9:00 p.m., a resident reported that her teenage son left home at 10:30 a.m. after they had an argument and he had not returned. The son was entered into the national database and lookouts were given to surrounding jurisdictions.

**CASE UPDATES**

**None.**

## **CRASHES**

### **Mill Street and Church Street, NE 23-002807**

**March 30 3:40 p.m.**

Vehicle-1 was westbound on Church Street. Vehicle-2 was southbound on Mill Street when the two vehicles collided in the intersection.

### **500 Maple Avenue, West 23-002827**

**March 31 11:46 a.m.**

Two vehicles were eastbound in the right lane on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-2 stopped at the red traffic light. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2 causing very minor damage. Driver-2 was transported to an area hospital with a non-life-threatening injury.

### **Maple Avenue and Liberty Lane, SW 23-002843**

**March 31 7:10 p.m.**

Vehicle-1 (a Metro Transit bus) was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue when high winds caused a section of chain-link fence to blow onto the roadway and Vehicle-1 struck it.

### **500 Block Maple Avenue, West 23-002856**

**April 1 1:15 p.m.**

Vehicle-2 was attempting to change lanes from the right lane to the left lane on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was traveling at a high rate of speed, sideswiped Vehicle-2, and fled the scene without stopping.

### **243 Church Street, NW 23-002974**

**April 5 11:15 a.m.**

Two vehicles were parked in the parking lot. Vehicle-1 ran into Vehicle-2 as they were backing out of the parking space.

**Please contact Ruth Rohr for further information on any of these cases at [Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov](mailto:Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov) or 703-255-6324.**

## **CITIZEN NOTES**



### **Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release**

#### **Captain Tu Farhan Graduates the 285<sup>th</sup> FBI National Academy**



*From left to right: Chief Jim Morris, Capt. Tu Farhan and Deputy Chief Dan Janickey*



*From left to right: FBI Director Christopher Wray with Capt. Tu Farhan*

Colonel James A. Morris, Police Chief, and the Vienna Police Department congratulate Captain Tu Farhan, who graduated as a member of the 285<sup>th</sup> session of the FBI National Academy. The graduation took place at the National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy offers eleven weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training. Participants must have proven records as professionals within their agencies to attend. Nationally, fewer than one percent of officers have the opportunity to attend the program. On average, these officers have 21 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions. The program also emphasizes physical fitness. Students train with academy fitness instructors during their eleven weeks at Quantico to tackle the “Yellow Brick Road,” a grueling 6.1-mile run and obstacle course. Upon completing the course, they receive the coveted yellow brick to signify their accomplishment.

FBI Academy instructors, special agents, and other staff with advanced degrees provide the training; many instructors are recognized internationally in their fields. Since 1972, National Academy students have been able to earn undergraduate and graduate credits from the University of Virginia, which accredits many of the courses offered. A total of 54,154 graduates have completed the FBI National Academy since it began in 1935. The National Academy is held at the FBI Training Academy in Quantico, the same facility where the FBI trains its new special agents and intelligence analysts.

The 285th session consisted of two hundred and forty-seven law enforcement officers from 47 states and the District of Columbia. The class included members of law enforcement agencies from 28 countries, four military organizations, and five federal civilian organizations.

FBI Director Christopher Asher Wray delivered remarks at the ceremony.

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## Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

### Fairfax County Valor Awards



*From left to right: Deputy Chief Dan Janickey, MPO Greg Hylinski, PFC Alex Murray, PFC Emily Lichtenberg, and Chief Jim Morris.*

On March 30, 2023, at a luncheon at the Reston Hyatt Hotel, the Reston Chamber of Commerce recognized Fairfax County Public Safety officers for acts of valor over the past year. Being honored at this ceremony were also 3 Town of Vienna Police Officers.

In the early morning hours of October 7, 2021, **PFC Emily Lichtenberg and PFC Alex Murray** from the Town of Vienna Police Department responded to the Navy Federal Credit Union located at 820 Follin Lane. Upon arrival, they determined that two individuals got into an argument while inside a vehicle, during which one produced a handgun and shot the other in the upper body.

During the initial response, officers requested the assistance of Fairfax County's helicopter and K-9 units. PFCs Lichtenberg and Murray helped to contain the scene and began the hunt for the armed suspect. During the search of the surrounding area, "Fairfax One" (helicopter) located a heat source that appeared to be a person hiding in the bushes near the W&OD trail. Almost simultaneously, the K-9 unit alerted on the same area. Coming from the direction of the heat source, officers heard the sound of a handgun being manipulated and the distinct sound of the slide of a gun being racked and slamming into battery. At that time, officers suspected that they had been spotted and the suspect was moving into a position to ambush them.

After taking cover and coordinating a plan, officers moved in and surprised the suspect causing him to lose balance and fall down a hill adjacent to the W&OD trail. During the fall, the

suspect lost control of his handgun and was taken into custody. At the time of his arrest, the suspect was found to be in possession of a fully loaded Glock handgun.

In recognition of their outstanding efforts, PFC Lichtenberg and PFC Murray were presented with a Silver Medal of Valor. This is the second highest level of the Valor awards.

Also honored at the March 30 ceremony was Vienna Police Officer **MPO Greg Hylinski**. MPO Hylinski was working an assignment at the Navy Federal Credit Union when he was notified that an employee had collapsed and was unresponsive. MPO Hylinski went to the scene and located the victim. MPO Hylinski immediately began lifesaving measures, which included CPR. When EMS arrived on scene, MPO Hylinski transferred care of the victim to them.

As treatment continued, MPO Hylinski began coordinating the on-scene response, which included determining the patient's identity and notifying the next of kin. MPO Hylinski maintained a composed and professional bearing as he began the preliminary investigation. MPO Hylinski's performance in this stressful situation was exemplary.

For his efforts, MPO Hylinski was presented with a Lifesaving Award by the Reston Chamber of Commerce.

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## **Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release**

### **Vienna Police Department to Participate in the DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative**

**Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

In conjunction with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and state and local law enforcement agencies, the Vienna Police Department will again participate in a one-day initiative to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from area homes.

On April 22, 2023, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., the Vienna Police Department will have a collection site for old, expired, unused, or unwanted medications. Prescription medications, controlled or non-controlled substances, and over-the-counter drugs may be turned in anonymously at the collection point inside the Vienna Police Department temporary facility located at 215 Center Street, South, Vienna, Virginia 22180.

Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing it and disposing of it directly into the collection box. If an original container is used, the individual should consider removing any identifying information from the prescription label. Liquid products should remain sealed in their original container to prevent leakage.

DEA will collect vape pens or other e-cigarette devices from individual consumers **only** after the batteries are removed from the devices. It is important to stress that the DEA is not responsible for removing the batteries from the devices.

**Intravenous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted due to associated hazards (The only exemption is Epipens).**

**Commercial businesses, pharmacies, or other medical facilities may not use this as a means to discard expired medications or medical waste.**

For DEA Authorized Collectors that provide year-round drop-off locations to the public to dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals, go to [Controlled Substance Public Disposal Locations](#).

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