



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

July 14, 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 July 7, 2023 to July 13, 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)

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 23-006205

400 Block Troy Court, SE

Between April 6 at 8:00 a.m. and May 27 at 5:00 p.m.

Fairfax County Adult Protective Services reported an elderly resident was scammed out of a large amount of currency. The resident reported he was investing online in cryptocurrency when he was contacted by a person claiming to be a financial advisor through the Whatsapp platform. The person guided the resident through transferring money from his bank account to various companies. While attempting one of the transfers, an employee from Navy Federal Credit Union advised the resident the company he was transferring to appeared to be fraudulent. This case is being investigated by a detective.

Brandishing a Weapon 23-004955

200 Block Harmony Drive, SW

June 2 between 8:20 p.m. and 8:43 p.m.

A resident reported a dispute she was having with some juveniles at her home. While officers were en route, another caller reported the resident displayed a handgun. The resident advised she heard a loud banging at her front door and she observed several teenage boys standing by the curb. The resident yelled at the boys, swearing and using racial slurs. When the boys began cursing back she called the police. The boys advised they left the local pool and were waiting for a ride when an unknown boy ran up to the resident's door, knocked, and ran away. The resident then began yelling at them and emerged with a gun. The resident stated she was holding her phone in her hand, calling the police, not a gun. The boys recorded the incident on their cell phones and the video shows it was a phone the resident was holding.

The parties involved were advised of the warrant process should they wish to pursue charges.

Animal Case 23-006628

400 Block Windover Avenue, NW

June 28 6:00 p.m.

On July 10, the Health Department reported that a resident was scratched by her daughter's dog on June 28. ACO Barker spoke to the owner and found the dog to be in good health. 10 days had passed since the incident, therefore the dog was not placed under quarantine.

Arrest – Firearms Violation 23-006350

Park Street and Maple Avenue, NE

June 30 10:21 a.m.

An officer was working traffic control during a traffic accident when he observed a driver commit a traffic offense and initiated a traffic stop. During the stop, the officer noticed the driver had a firearm concealed. The driver did not have an issued permit to carry a concealed weapon. PFC McElhattan issued a summons to the 30-year-old man from Tarleton Corner Drive in Herndon, Virginia charging Carrying a Concealed Weapon Without a Permit. The man was released on his signature.

Burglary 23-006478

300 Block Locust Street, SE

July 4 7:21 p.m.

A resident reported someone entered his home and broke multiple items. There were no signs of forced entry. This case is being investigated.

Suspicious Event 23-006554

100 Block Moore Avenue, SW

July 7 8:29 a.m.

A resident reported ongoing civil issues with their neighbor.

Assault 23-006557

Westwood Country Club

800 Maple Avenue, East

July 7 8:55 p.m.

A manager at the country club reported an employee was disgruntled and left before the end of his shift. The employee returned and began breaking several plates, shoving the manager, and placing several employees in fear. The manager did not wish to pursue charges but requested the man leave and trespass him from the premises.

Police Service 23-006556

Vienna Police Station

215 Center Street, South

July 7 8:57 p.m.

A citizen turned in property for safekeeping, while they consider if they will pursue charges in a case.

Trespassing 23-006588

Chick-Fil-A

538 Maple Avenue, West

July 8 8:38 p.m.

An employee reported a man acting suspiciously in the restaurant. The employee requested the man leave and be trespassed from the premises. An officer advised the man he would be arrested if he returned to the restaurant.

Open Door 23-006586

Metro Eyes

260 Maple Avenue, East

July 8 5:44 p.m.

Officers responding to the report of an alarm at a business found an open door. The officers searched the building and found nothing that appeared suspicious.

Arrest – Assault on a Police Officer and Trespassing 23-006595

Vienna Seventh Day Adventist Church

344 Courthouse Road, SW

July 9 9:16 a.m.

A woman who was previously trespassed from the premises was in the Church and refusing to leave. As the officers were taking the woman into custody, she began to assault them.

Ofc. Ebrahimi arrested the 50-year-old woman from Carlin Springs Road in Falls Church, Virginia. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with two felony counts of Assault on a Police Officer, Obstruction of Justice, and Trespassing. The woman was held without bond.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 23-006599

Hillcrest Drive, SW

July 9 11:40 a.m.

A resident reported his adult son texted a concerning statement to his sister, leaving them concerned for his welfare. The resident's wife entered her son's room to check on him and found he was hiding a kitchen knife. When officers arrived at the home, they requested the son to step outside and speak to them. The man complied and was briefly detained until officers were able to locate his mother and ensure she was safe. The man advised the officers he was upset with his parents and was not serious about the message he sent to his sister. The man was transported to an area facility for evaluation and released to the care of his parents.

Vehicle Tampering 23-006600

Westwood Country Club

800 Maple Avenue, East

July 9 6:48 p.m.

A citizen reported someone broke the driver's side window of her vehicle and stole a cosmetic bag.

Vehicle Tampering 23-006601

900 Maple Avenue, East

July 9 7:29 p.m.

A citizen reported someone broke the driver's side window of her vehicle and stole a purse from under the passenger seat.

Animal Case – Quarantine 23-006643

300 Block Springwood Court, NE

July 9 8:00 p.m.

A resident reported she was walking past a house when she was bitten by the homeowner's dog. The dog's owner was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

Vehicle Tampering 23-006602

900 Maple Avenue, East

July 9 8:10 p.m.

A citizen reported someone broke the rear passenger side window of her vehicle and stole a purse.

Vehicle Tampering 23-6603

Westwood Country Club

800 Maple Avenue, East 23-006603

July 9 8:24 p.m.

A citizen reported someone entered her unlocked vehicle and stole her purse.

Petit Larceny 23-006616

Maple Avenue and Lewis Street, NW

July 10 8:39 a.m.

A citizen turned in a wallet they found on the ground near Lewis Street and Maple Avenue. The owner stated he had lost his wallet. It appears someone found it, took currency and credit cards from the wallet, and dumped it in the area where the citizen later found it.

Police Service 23-006617

600 Block Tazewell Road, NW

July 10 10:30 a.m.

A resident reported that his neighbor yelled at him. The neighbor believed he saw the resident taking pictures of his mother and confronted him about it. The officers determined no crime occurred.

Suspicious Person 23-006637

1100 Block Moorefield Hill Court, SW

July 10 12:00 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m., a resident reported an incident from earlier in the day when his dog walker observed a woman walk through the carport and into his home. The woman immediately left saying she had the wrong house. The dog walker provided the resident with the woman's description and the tag number from her vehicle. Officers went to the woman's home and she advised them that she is a dog walker and accidentally walked into a home thinking it was her client's address then quickly realized she was at the wrong house.

Suspicious Event 23-006640

Ross Drive and Patrick Street, SW

July 11 12:20 a.m.

Officers searched the area of the woods for the report of a woman who had called 911 crying. The woman calmed down after the officers located her and spoke to her. They determined the woman was upset, but did not require further assistance and she returned home.

Domestic Dispute 23-006653

Commons Drive, NW

July 11 3:47 p.m.

Officers responded to a domestic dispute between a resident and her husband. The two agreed to separate for the evening to avoid any further conflicts.

Juvenile Case 23-006655

300 Block Holmes Drive, NW

July 11 7:10 p.m.

A resident reported a fake social media page on Instagram that posted comments about her juvenile daughter.

Fraud 23-006662

100 Block Cherry Circle, SW

July 11 10:25 p.m.

A resident reported a fraudulent charge on her Apple Pay account.

Assault 23-006664

Pazzo Pomodoro

118 Branch Road, SE

July 12 1:30 a.m.

Officers responded to the report of a fight inside the restaurant. Bystanders reported a man was making comments about a couple in the bar. One of the other patrons was offended by the comments and asked the man to stop. When the man continued with the comments, a fight ensued between the man, the patron, and the patron's adult son. The fight was broken up by employees and other customers before officers arrived. The parties involved were advised of the warrant process should they wish to pursue charges.

Vehicle Tampering 23-006689

Westwood Country Club

800 Maple Avenue, East

July 12 5:19 p.m.

A resident reported someone broke the rear passenger window of her vehicle and stole her purse.

Vehicle Tampering 23-006690

Westwood Country Club

800 Maple Avenue, East

July 12 5:30 p.m.

A citizen reported someone broke the rear passenger window of her unlocked vehicle and stole a book bag containing clothing, a purse, US currency, and a debit card.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 23-006692

100 Block Maple Avenue, East

July 12 9:16 p.m.

An officer was patrolling the area of the Bear Branch Tavern when he observed a man urinating in public. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, he detected signs of impairment.

Ofc. Rodriguez arrested the 39-year-old man from W Abingdon Drive in Alexandria, Virginia. The man was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Drunk In Public.

Suspicious Event 23-006718

100 Block East Street, NE

July 13 between 2:00 p.m. and 5:25 p.m.

A resident reported she noticed her dog was sick after she let it out into the backyard. She took the dog to the vet where they pumped its stomach and advised they believed the dog had ingested rat poison. It is not known how the poison could have gotten into the resident's yard.

Arrest – Alcohol Violation 23-006719

Cedar Lane Shopping Center

262 Cedar Lane, SE

July 13 10:37 p.m.

An officer was on patrol when he observed a man with several open containers of alcohol in public.

Ofc. Rodriguez issued a summons to the 27- year-old-man from Patrick Street, SE in Vienna charging Drinking In Public and released on his signature. The officer escorted the man to his home.

CASE UPDATES

None.

CRASHES

233 Maple Avenue, East 23-006516

July 6 11:05 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling in the left eastbound lane of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 exited the parking lot of 233 Maple Avenue and collided with Vehicle-2.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Yield Right of Way Upon Entering a Highway.

Please contact Ruth Rohr for further information on any of these cases at Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov or 703-255-6324.

CITIZEN NOTES



Vienna Police Department



The emergency technology company, **RapidSOS**, has partnered with the American Heart Association, American Red Cross, and Direct Relief to sponsor a no-cost voluntary health database. RapidSOS is an intelligent safety platform that securely links life-saving data from 500M+ connected devices, apps, and sensors from 90+ global technology companies to over 450,000 first responders across 15,000 agencies nationwide. Whether there's an unsafe moment or an emergency, RapidSOS Ready devices, homes, or buildings deliver essential data to first responders when it matters most.

Town of Vienna residents may create a free emergency health profile that can be easily shared with first responders during a crisis or emergency to ensure they can access your critical health and medical information when you need help. Your created profile provides real-time details about your medical history, emergency contacts, allergies, etc. It only takes a few minutes to set up and is voluntary.

You can enter behavioral health information, pre-existing medical conditions, allergies, emergency contacts, and other relevant details into the database. This information is associated with your mobile phone number and will only be available to first responders when they receive an emergency call from your provided telephone number. You can choose the amount of information you provide based on your discretion.

Regularly reviewing and updating your profile is vital to ensure first responders have the most up-to-date information, especially after significant health or life changes.

We encourage Vienna residents to take the first step in ensuring their safety during an emergency by creating a free emergency health profile today at <https://www.emergencyprofile.org/>.

