



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

April 3, 2020

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 27, 2020 – April 2, 2020**. 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)

INCIDENTS

Fraud 20-003001

300 Block Lawyers Road, NW

September 23, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that someone has been fraudulently accessing her credit bureau accounts and disputing her credit accounts.

Suspicious Event 20-003088

600 Block Valley Drive, SE

Between February 1 at 7:00 a.m. and March 31 at 10:00 p.m.

A citizen advised he sold his vehicle to an acquaintance in February. The citizen stated his license plates are now missing and he believes the acquaintance may have taken them.

Suspicious Event 20-003065 and 20-003092

900 Block Fairway Drive, NE

March 16 between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

On March 30, a resident reported the possible larceny of her lawnmower. The resident advised she was mowing her lawn when her lawnmower broke down. Two men stopped and offered to assist her in repairing the lawnmower. She allowed them to take the equipment, but has not heard back from them.

Found Property 20-002988

Dunkin Donuts

314 Maple Avenue, West

March 27 1:42 a.m.

A sanitation worker was emptying the garbage can in front of Dunkin Donuts when he found a backpack that contained a handgun and ammunition.

Grand Larceny 20-003000

Walgreens

225 Maple Avenue, East

March 27 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

An employee left her purse in the employee break room. When she returned to the break room, she found someone had stolen her driver's license, bank cards, and US currency from her purse. She discovered one of the cards was used to make unauthorized purchases.

Juvenile Case 20-003002

500 Block Mashie Drive, SE

March 27 5:56 p.m.

A resident reported that they located two young juveniles. The juveniles had been playing at a nearby park with their parents when they ran off. The parents, who had been searching for the children, were notified of their location, and the children were reunited with them.

Found Property 20-003024

Patrick Henry Library

101 Maple Avenue, East

March 28 4:09 p.m.

A citizen found a keyfob and an identification card at the library.

Arrest – Drunk in Public 20-003028

700 Block Marshall Road, SW

March 28 11:15 p.m.

Officers responded to the area for the report of a man banging on the door of residents. They located the man, and upon the officer's interaction with him, they detected signs of impairment.

Ofc. Colligan arrested the 61-year-old man from Meath Driver in Fairfax, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Drunk in Public.

Arrest – Drunk in Public and Obstruction of Justice 20-003033

Maple Avenue and Mill Street, NE

March 29 12:57 a.m.

Officers heard a man yelling in the 200 block of Maple Avenue, East. They located the man near Whole Foods where he began walking in the middle of Maple Avenue and continued to act belligerent. Upon the officers' interaction with the man, they detected signs of impairment. Rescue personnel responded to evaluate the man.

Once the man was medically cleared by rescue personnel, he was placed under arrest. Ofc. Farr transported the 33-year-old man with no fixed address to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. While the man was being transported he began to make threatening statements to the officer. The man was charged with Drunk in Public and Obstruction of Justice. He was held without bond.

Suspicious Event 20-003040

200 Block Park Terrace Court, SE

March 29 10:00 a.m.

A resident reported that windows had been removed from the laundry room. It did not appear that anything was missing or damaged in the laundry room.

Suspicious Event 20-003054

Highland Street, NW

March 29 11:50 p.m.

A resident reported that he found a man in his step-daughter's room after the man entered the home through a window. The juvenile reported that the man was her boyfriend and she permitted him to enter the home. An officer arrested the man for Contributing to the Delinquency of Minor and transported him to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. However, the magistrate would not issue a warrant for the man. The man was released with no charges placed against him. At the resident's request, the man was advised that he may be charged with Trespass if he returns to the home.

Juvenile Case 20-003059

Highland Street, NW

March 30 1:39 a.m.

A resident reported that his step-daughter became upset regarding a prior incident (*Reference Incident #20-003054*) and began yelling at her mother. When her older sister attempted to intervene, she was assaulted by the juvenile. The juvenile then left the residence. Officers located the juvenile in the area of Ayrhill Avenue and Dominion Road. The juvenile stated she got into an argument with her family, and her sister assaulted her. Her step-father then told her to leave the house.

Both the juvenile and her sister showed signs of minor injury, and both declined to pursue charges against the other. Officers contacted a social worker who was able to provide a temporary teen shelter for the juvenile to stay for the night.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 20-003071

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

March 31 6:01 a.m.

A citizen called for assistance in the parking lot, stating he was having suicidal thoughts. As officers were speaking to him, he began suffering a medical emergency. Rescue personnel responded and transported the man to an area hospital for treatment and evaluation.

Grand Larceny 20-003106

200 Block Park Terrace Court, SE

Between March 31 at 8:00 p.m. and April 1 at 10:36 p.m.

A resident reported two bicycles that were stolen from the bike rack on his vehicle. He found one of the bicycles in the parking lot. The other is still missing.

Suspicious Event 20-003090

500 Block Church Street, NE

April 1 9:30 a.m.

A resident found a bag in the parking lot that contained possible narcotics.

Natural Death 20-003102

600 Block Longview Court, NE

April 1 6:51 p.m.

Officers responded with rescue personnel for the report of an elderly man who had passed away in his home from natural causes.

Destruction of Property 20-003112

100 Block Moore Avenue, SE

April 2 4:59 a.m.

A resident was allowing a friend to stay with him. The friend became upset and began destroying some property in the house before leaving. The resident was concerned about his friend's well-being and did not wish to pursue charges. The friend returned to the home after he had calmed down, and the two worked the matter out. Arrangements were made for the friend to stay with his family.

Grand Larceny 20-003121

Walgreens

225 Maple Avenue, East

April 2 between 3:00 p.m. and 5:16 p.m.

An employee reported that she left her purse in the employee break room. Someone stole various bank cards, US currency, and her driver's license from her wallet. Several unauthorized purchases were made on the cards before she realized they had been taken.

CRASHES

100 Block Branch Road, SE 20-003067

March 30 at 8:14 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in the parking lot when Vehicle-1 (an unknown vehicle) backed into it. Driver-1 fled the scene without providing their information.

CASE UPDATES

None.

Please contact **Ruth Rohr** for further information on any of these cases at
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MEDIA RELEASES



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Operations Modifications in Response to COVID-19

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. These 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 which 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 the 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.**



CITIZEN NOTES

Vienna Police Department Construction Project Updates

Updates about the police department construction project will be posted regularly to the “Police Department Renovation” page, located under the Police Department section, at viennava.gov, or follow the below link.

** As we move forward with designing and ultimately constructing a new facility, Chief Morris is committed to keeping the Vienna community informed and involved in the process. To begin that effort a link has been established on the police department page of the Town of Vienna website (<https://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=1225>), and we will be providing regular updates about the process in these Highlights.

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.**