VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

July 24, 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 July 17, 2020 – July 23, 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

Vandalism 20-005604
1000 Block Pickett Place, SW
Between June 30 at 12:01 a.m. and July 16 at 11:59 p.m.
A resident reported that they returned home from out of town to find that someone threw an unknown substance on the front of their house.

Petit Larceny 20-005750
1000 Block Hillcrest Drive, SW
July 14 between 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.
A resident reported that someone stole a political sign from her yard.

Vandalism 20-005515
Cottage Street and Tapawingo Road, SW
July 14 between 9:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
A Town Public Works employee reported that they were painting double yellow lines on Cottage Street when a pickup truck drove around their vehicles, over the wet paint, and smeared the paint on the roadway. The driver was yelling at cursing at the employees and swerved over the paint multiple times. An officer spoke to the driver, who advised the workers had no signs or flaggers to direct traffic, making it confusing for drivers behind the crew. The Town does not wish to pursue charges for the damage at this time.

Animal Complaint 20-005542
Vienna Dog Park
700 Courthouse Road, SW
July 14 3:30 p.m.
On July 16, a resident reported an incident from July 14, where her dog was playing in the dog park when the owner of another dog picked her dog up and turned him upside down to get him to drop a tennis ball. The man then threw her dog to the ground.

Arrest – Warrant Service 20-005575
200 Block Locust Street, SE
July 17 12:05 a.m.
Ofc. McElhattan was interviewing a resident about different case, when he determined that the Alexandria Police Department held an active warrant for the man. The officer transported the 21-year-old man from Locust Street, SE, in Vienna to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where the warrant charging Failure to Appear was served.

Arrest – Assault 20-005600
200 Block Locust Street, SE
July 17 11:14 a.m.
A resident reported that she was having a dispute with her roommate because she removed the thermostat from the wall. The roommate stated that while she was removing the thermostat, the resident assaulted her. The resident advised she assaulted the roommate to prevent her from touching the thermostat.

PFC Williams arrested the 68-year-old woman from Locust Street, SE, in Vienna. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Assault. *Reference Incident #20-005607.*

Police Service 20-005602
200 Block Talahi Road, SE
July 17 11:59 p.m.
A resident turned in two handguns for destruction.

Arrest – Warrant Service 20-5607
200 Block Locust Street, SE
July 17 1:45 p.m.
While PFC Williams was investigating Incident #20-005600, the resident reported that on the previous day, she obtained a summons from the magistrate against her roommate.

PFC served the summons charging Assault on the 64-year-old woman from Locust Street, SE. The woman was released on her signature.

Vehicle Tampering 20-005697
500 Block Valley Drive, SE
Between July 17 at 5:00 p.m. and July 18 at 8:00 p.m.
A resident reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle and rummaged through it.

Suspicious Event 20-005615
300 Block Mill Street, NE
July 17 6:39 p.m.
An officer responded to the report of five juveniles on the roof of a building. The juveniles complied with the officer's request to come down and were counseled by the officer.

Found Property 20-005617
Cottage Street and Tapawingo Road, SW
July 17 6:45 p.m.
A resident found a wallet that contained a large sum of US currency.

Suspicious Event 20-005619
500 Block Wolftrap Road, SE
July 17 7:54 p.m.
A citizen was looking out the rear of his home that is under construction into his neighbor's backyard when he observed a man in a robe briefly be exposed when the robe opened. The man was unaware he was being watched and did not intentionally expose himself.

Vehicle Tampering 20-005639
1000 Block Tapawingo Road, SW
Between July 17 at 6:30 p.m. and July 18 at 9:20 a.m.
A resident reported that someone rummaged through their unlocked vehicle.

Vehicle Tampering 20-005646
500 Nutley Street, SW
Between July 17 at 7:00 p.m. and July 18 at 11:15 a.m.
A resident reported that someone rummaged through their unlocked vehicle and stole financial papers.

Vehicle Tampering 20-005637
400 Block Moorefield Road, SW
Between July 17 at 8:00 p.m. and July 18 at 8:10 a.m.
A resident reported that someone rummaged through their unlocked vehicle.

Civil Dispute 20-005623
400 Block John Marshall Drive, NE
July 17 8:47 p.m.
A resident reported that his neighbor placed a bag of dead leaves on his porch with a note complaining about his leaf debris being blown into their yard.

Vehicle Tampering 20-005640
500 Block Branch Road, SE
Between July 17 at 10:00 p.m. and July 18 at 9:57 a.m.
A resident reported that someone rummaged through his unlocked vehicle.

Vehicle Tampering 20-005650
800 Block Tapawingo Road, SW
Between July 17 at 10:00 p.m. and July 18 at 4:00 a.m.
A resident reported that someone rummaged through his unlocked vehicle.

Found Property 20-005626
100 Block Kingsley Road, SW
July 17 10:21 p.m.
An officer found a skateboard that was left in the roadway.

Vehicle Tampering 20-005648
700 Block Hunter Court, SW
Between July 17 at 11:00 p.m. and July 18 at 11:55 a.m.
A resident reported that someone rummaged through his unlocked vehicle and stole U.S. currency.

Assist Rescue 20-005644
200 Block Locust Street, SE
July 18 10:41 a.m.
A resident reported that she had an injured hand. Rescue personnel responded to assess the resident.

Found Property 20-005647
300 Block Moorefield Road, SW
July 18 11:27 a.m.
A resident found a purse in the area of Moorefield Road near Courthouse Road, SW

Stolen Vehicle 20-005689
600 Block Valley Drive, SE
Between July 18 at 12:00 p.m. and July 19 at 8:03 a.m.
A resident reported his vehicle was stolen from his driveway. The vehicle was unlocked with the keys inside. Later that evening a resident on Charles Street, SE located the vehicle. *Reference Incident #20-005692*

Petit Larceny 20-005688
400 Block Branch Road, SE
Between July 18 at 1:00 p.m. and July 19 at 7:02 a.m.
A resident reported that someone rummaged through his unlocked vehicle and stole U.S. currency.

Vehicle Tampering 20-005756
100 Block Glyndon Street, NE
Between July 18 at 4:00 p.m. and July 19 at 9:00 a.m.
A resident reported that someone rummaged through his vehicle.

Stolen Vehicle 20-005687
300 Block Valeview Court, NW
Between July 18 at 6:00 p.m. and July 19 at 6:23 a.m.
A resident reported her vehicle was stolen from her driveway. The vehicle was locked with a spare key inside it.

Grand Larceny 20-005669
Walgreens
225 Maple Avenue, East
July 18 between 6:40 p.m. 10:00 p.m.
An employee reported that her purse was stolen from a secured locker in the employee break room. Unauthorized purchases had already been made using her debit card.

Petit Larceny 20-005690
300 Block Church Street, NE
Between July 18 at 8:00 p.m. and July 19 at 9:06 a.m.
A resident reported that someone entered their two unlocked vehicles rummaged through them, taking a wallet from one of the vehicles. One of their friend's vehicles that was parked at their home was also rummaged through.

Vehicle Tampering 20-005693
200 Block Manvell Road, SE
Between July 18 at 8:00 p.m. and July 19 at 9:50 a.m.
A resident reported that someone rummaged through her unlocked vehicle.

Vehicle Tampering 20-005749
200 Block Manvell Road, SE
Between July 18 at 9:00 p.m. and July 19 at 6:30 a.m.
A resident reported that someone entered his vehicle and rummaged through it.

Petit Larceny 20-005770
2400 Block Oak Vale Court, NW
Between July 18 at 9:00 p.m. and July 19 at 8:00 a.m.
A resident reported that someone rummaged through her vehicle.

Arrest – Narcotics Violation and Warrant Service 20-005668 and 20-5675
7-11
427 Maple Avenue, East
July 18 10:31 p.m.
Officers responded to the report of an intoxicated woman. Upon the officers' interaction with the woman, they detected signs of impairment and found that Fairfax County Police held an active warrant for her. Officers also found the woman had heroin in her possession.

MPO Tremont arrested the 32-year-old woman from Greensboro Drive in McLean, Virginia. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Drunk in Public and Possession of Heroin. The Fairfax County warrant, charging Possession of a Schedule I Controled Substance was also served on her.

Suspicious Event 20-005701
Vienna Police Station
215 Center Street, South
July 19 at 12:40 a.m.
At approximately 3:00 p.m., a citizen reported a suspicious event that had happened during the night. The owner of a streaming site stated that one of their users was speaking to a man when he began making suicidal statements. The citizen reported that the police were notified. However, there was no record of the call, and the only information they had was that the man lived in Vienna. With the limited information, officers were unable to verify any information or location of the man making the statements.

Vehicle Tampering 20-005673
1000 Block Echols Street, SE
July 19 1:03 a.m.
A resident was walking his dog when he saw a man entering his neighbor's vehicle. When the resident confronted him, the man stated he was a friend of the vehicle's owner and began walking away. Officers searched the area but did not locate the man. They found the vehicle was rummaged through, but nothing appeared to have been taken.

Vehicle Tampering 20-005703
300 Block Charles Street, SE
July 19 between 2:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
A resident reported that someone rummaged through his unlocked vehicle.

Stolen Vehicle 20-005692
200 Block Manvell Road, SE
July 19 2:55 a.m.
A resident reported that her vehicle was stolen. The vehicle was unlocked with the keys inside. Two other unlocked vehicles at the residence were also rummaged through and U.S. currency was taken from one of the vehicles.

At approximately 7:00 p.m., the vehicle was recovered with another stolen vehicle on Charles Street, SE. *Reference Incident #20-5689.*

Stolen Vehicle 20-005695
200 Block Locust Street, SE
July 19 3:06 a.m.
A resident reported that her vehicle was stolen from the parking lot. The owner was not certain if the car was unlocked or if the spare key to the vehicle was in it. Another resident reported that someone forced entry into his vehicle and rummaged through it.

Suspicious Event 20-005704
200 Block Locust Street, SE
July 19 6:36 p.m.
Two roommates were arguing over broken glass.

Grand Larceny 20-005708
200 Block Manvell Road, SE
July 19 8:30 p.m.
Officers were investigating the recovered stolen vehicle *(Incident #20-5692)* when they recovered a wallet from the vehicle. The wallet belonged to a resident in the 200 Block of Manvell Road who reported that the wallet was taken during the night from his unlocked vehicle.

Vehicle Tampering 20-005752
200 Block Church Street, NE
Between July 19 at 10:00 p.m. and July 20 at 5:00 a.m.
A resident reported that someone rummaged through her unlocked vehicle.

Vehicle Tampering 20-005753
200 Block Church Street, NE
Between July 19 at 10:00 p.m. and July 20 at 5:00 a.m.
A resident reported that someone rummaged through her unlocked vehicle.

Petit Larceny 20-005769
2400 Oak Vale Court, NW
Between July 19 at 11:00 a.m. and July 21 at 1:00 p.m.
A resident reported that someone rummaged through their unlocked vehicle and stole U.S. currency and various store cards.

Found Property 20-005714
200 Block Locust Street, SE
July 19 11:39 p.m.
An officer located a small empty safe.

Suspicious Event 20-005748
200 Block Locust Street, SE
July 20 10:00 a.m.
A resident reported an argument with her roommate over utensils.

Extortion 20-005757
800 Block Plum Street, SW
July 20 4:49 p.m.
A resident reported that an unknown person friended him on Facebook and began communicating through Facebook Messenger. The resident reported his cell phone was then hacked and became inoperable. The hacker claimed to have access to some of the resident's personal videos that he would send to others unless the resident sent him money.

Domestic Dispute 20-005813
Beulah Road, NE
July 22 5:14 p.m.
Officers responded to the report of a domestic dispute between a resident and her teenage son.

In the last few days, the Town of Vienna Police Department responded to multiple cases of vehicle tamperings and stolen vehicles. In almost every case, the vehicle was left unlocked and/or keys left inside. The criminals responsible for these thefts target unlocked vehicles to steal valuables, money, electronics, etc., and all it takes is them pulling on the door handle of an unlocked car. They rarely break into a locked vehicle. Vienna polce officers proactively patrol all areas of the town to protect its citizens and their property and would like your assistance in curbing this crime of opportunity by removing all valuables from your vehicles, removing all keys (to include valet keys), and report suspicious activity immediately by calling 703-255-6366 or 911.

CRASHES
Maple Avenue and Branch Road, SE 20-005533
July 15 6:51 p.m.
Two vehicles were traveling eastbound in adjacent lanes of Maple Avenue. Driver-1 attempted to turn left from the right lane and struck the passenger side of Vehicle-2, who was in the left lane.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Improper Turn.

300 Block Maple Avenue, West 20-005603
July 17 11:49 a.m.
Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound in the left lane, changing lanes into the center turn lane. Vehicle-2 was on Pleasant Street, SW turning left to go westbound on Maple Avenue. The two vehicles collided in the center lane.

400 Block Maple Avenue, West 20-005620
July 17 6:25 p.m.
Two vehicles were driving westbound in the left lane of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was driving erratically, slamming on his brakes. Vehicle-2 ran into the rear of Vehicle-1. Driver-1 exited his vehicle, to speak with Driver-2, but fled the scene when Driver-2 wanted to make a police report.

Church Street and Park Street, NE 20-005624
July 17 9:13 p.m.
Vehicle-2 was stopped at the stop sign on eastbound Church Street at Park Street. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

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

800 Block Maple Avenue, East 20-005659
July 18 6:56 p.m.
Vehicle-2 was westbound in the left lane on Maple Avenue, stopped for the red traffic light. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2

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

CASE UPDATES

Arrest – Assault, Obstruction of Justice, Assault on Police Officer, Indecent Exposure 20-005535
7-11
537 Maple Avenue, West
July 15 10:06 p.m.
On July 21, further information developed in this case led Ofc. Murray to obtain an additional warrant on the man who was arrested in this case. Ofc. Murray responded to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where the 34-year-old man is being held on the initial charges and served him with a warrant charging Attempted Robbery.

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

VIRGINIA ENTERS PHASE THREE OF GOV. RALPH NORTHAM'S FORWARD VIRGINIA
For more information, navigate to https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus-updates/

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 that 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.