



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

March 27, 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 20, 2020 – March 26, 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

Grand Larceny 20-002950

1000 Block Cottage Street, SW

January 20 4:12 p.m.

In January, a resident ordered two cell phones that UPS indicates were delivered to his residence on January 20. The resident believes someone took the delivery.

Telephone Case 20-002931

200 Block Paris Court, SW

Between January 29 at 12:00 a.m. and March 23 at 12:30 p.m.

A resident reported that her ex-boyfriend had been continuously harassing her by phone and through text messages. This case is being investigated.

Grand Larceny 20-002951

400 Block Center Street, North

Between March 8 at 7:00 a.m. and March 21 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that someone entered her unlocked vehicle and stole a backpack containing a camera and camera lenses.

Grand Larceny 20-002872
500 Block McKinley Street, NE
Between March 16 at 12:00 p.m. and March 18 at 3:55 p.m.
A resident reported that four checks were stolen from her mail.

Petit Larceny 20-002893
400 Block Echols Street, SE
March 18 9:46 p.m.
A resident reported that an unknown person stole a package from his front porch.

Juvenile Case 20-002868
Beulah Road and Creek Crossing Road, NE
March 20 between 2:36 a.m. and 3:00 a.m.
Officers responded to the report of a group of juveniles being disorderly and banging on the door of a residence. When officers arrived, they heard more noise coming from the area of the 200 block of Maple Avenue, East. Officers observed two of the juveniles in the Jammin Java parking lot. One of the juveniles fled on foot; the other was stopped by an officer. The juvenile was transported to the Vienna Police Station, where he was released to the custody of his father.

Lost Property 20-002871
100 Block Maple Avenue, West
March 20 between 7:00 a.m. and 12:41 p.m.
A citizen reported that she lost her driver's license and a bank card in the parking lot.

Destruction of Property 20-002878
400 Block Church Street, NE
March 20 between 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
A citizen reported that his vehicle was legally parked in the parking lot when someone vandalized it with paint.

Vehicle Tampering 20-002884
1200 Block Cottage Street, SW
March 21 at 12:39 a.m.
A resident observed two people in her vehicle, which had been left unlocked and parked on the roadway. The two people fled northbound on Cottage Street. The resident reported that a vape pen was missing from the vehicle.

Vehicle Tampering 20-002897
100 Block Yeonas Drive, SW
March 21 1:31 a.m.
A resident reported that his security camera showed two people entered his unlocked vehicle. The resident reported that US currency and gift cards were taken from the vehicle.

Assault 20-002894

Dollar Tree

215 Maple Avenue, West

March 21 5:15 p.m.

A customer reported that a cashier began making harassing comments to him. The customer went to the manager to file a complaint. As the customer was leaving the store, the cashier approached him and assaulted him. The customer responded by striking the cashier. The cashier then abruptly left the store. An officer spoke to the cashier who provided the same account of the incident. Both parties were advised of the warrant process should they wish to pursue charges.

Animal Case – Quarantine 20-002920

Hope Advanced Veterinary Center

140 Park Street, SE

March 21 8:00 p.m.

A technician was bitten by a cat during a medical procedure. The cat resides in Fairfax County. The Fairfax County Animal Control will follow up on the quarantine.

Animal Case 20-002899

900 Block Lauren Lane, SE

March 21 9:47 p.m.

A resident reported a sick raccoon in his yard. Officers found the raccoon was in grave condition and euthanized the animal.

Assist EMS 20-002910

CVS

264 Cedar Lane, SE

March 22 11:39 p.m.

Officers responded to assist rescue personnel with a drug overdose. A woman was transported to an area hospital after taking a large quantity of an over-the-counter medication.

Suspicious Event 20-002912

Vienna Police Station

215 Center Street, South

March 23 12:14 a.m.

A man drove into the parking lot of the police station seeking assistance because he was being followed by occupants in another vehicle that he was acquainted with. The man had been visiting with the others at a home in Falls Church when they became involved in an argument. The man left the home and the others began following him. All parties agreed to have no further contact with each other.

Suspicious Event 20-002916

400 Block Onondio Circle, SE

March 23 12:32 a.m.

A resident reported that a vehicle drove near their residence, two individuals got out of the vehicle and one began banging on their door. The individual then fled the area in the vehicle. The same resident had several similar incidents several months ago.

Suspicious Event 20-002933

500 Block Nanterry Circle, SW

March 23 between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Last week a resident reported two individuals who came to her home soliciting for T-Mobile without a Town License. Today, she found that someone had written T-Mobile on her driveway in chalk. Someone did the same thing on the curb earlier in the week.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 20-002928

Park Street and Adahi Road, SE

March 23 4:16 p.m.

An officer observed a driver commit a traffic offense and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, he detected signs of impairment. The driver failed to complete a series of field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest.

MPO Lose transported the 29-year-old woman from Raleigh Avenue in Alexandria, Virginia to the Vienna Police Station, where she provided a sample of her breath for analysis. The woman was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Driving While Intoxicated

Arrest – Warrant Service 20-002932

Vienna Police Station

215 Center Street, South

March 23 5:23 p.m.

A man came to the Vienna Police Station advising that the Charlottesville Police Department held an active warrant for him. MPO Smith served the warrant, charging Possession of Fictitious Driver's License on the 19-year-old man from Carriage Court in Vienna. The man was released on his signature.

Vehicle Tampering 20-002968

200 Block Commons Drive, NW

Between March 24 at 6:30 p.m. and March 25 at 8:30 a.m.

A resident reported that someone entered her unlocked vehicle and stole US currency.

Vehicle Tampering 20-002965

100 Block Roland Court, SW

Between March 24 at 7:00 p.m. and March 25 at 7:00 a.m.

A resident reported that someone rummaged through her unlocked vehicle. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Open Door 20-002976

Oxanna Boutique

448 Maple Avenue, East

March 26 5:15 a.m.

An officer found an unsecured door at the boutique. Nothing in the business appeared to have been disturbed.

CRASHES

200 Block Maple Avenue, West 20-002869

March 20 5:18 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue when the driver fell asleep, crossed into the westbound lanes and struck a utility pole.

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

300 Block Maple Avenue, East 20-002892

March 21 2:00 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound in the right lane on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-2 slowed in traffic and was rear-ended by Vehicle-1.

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

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

March 26 6:13 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in the parking lot when it was struck by Vehicle-1, an unknown vehicle. 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 Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov or 703-255-6324.

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.**