



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

March 5, 2021

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from February 26, 2021 – March 4, 2021. 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)

****In the last few weeks, 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 police 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.****

The Vienna Police Department would like to warn citizens that mail has been stolen from the US Post Office collection boxes at the corner of Church St NW and Lawyers Rd NW after being broken into several times this year. The most recent incident occurred overnight from November 22nd to November 23rd. If you used these mailboxes during that time, please ensure that any checks, banknotes, or other important mail reached its intended destination. Mail theft or tampering is investigated by the US Postal Inspection Service and may be reported via their website at <https://www.uspis.gov/report/>. The Vienna Police department cooperates fully with their investigations and forwards all mail theft reports to the Postal Inspection Service. If you see suspicious activity at the mail collection boxes, contact the Vienna Police Department for an immediate response.

To avoid theft, citizens are advised to use the collection mailboxes inside the post office.

INCIDENTS

Lost Property 21-001007

300 Block East Street, NE

Between February 29, 2020 at 7:00 a.m. and February 25, 2021 at 11:51 a.m.

A resident reported that she lost her Rolex watch.

Fraud 21-001095

Truist Bank

515 Maple Avenue, East

December 17 between 2:56 p.m. and 3:59 p.m.

An employee reported fraudulent checks that were deposited at the bank.

Petit Larceny 21-001042

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

February 16 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that an Amazon delivery was stolen.

Fraud 21-000982

900 Block Country Club Drive, NE

February 23 3:00 p.m.

A resident reported that someone is fraudulently using his personal information to attempt to file for unemployment benefits.

Lost Property 21-000976

BB&T Bank

440 Maple Avenue, East

February 23 4:15 p.m.

A citizen reported that he lost his driver's license at the bank.

Animal Case – Quarantine 21-001097
400 Block Victoria Court, NW
February 26 12:00 p.m.

The Health Department reported that a citizen was bitten by his friend's dog while visiting their home. The dog has been placed on a 10-day quarantine.

Vehicle Tampering 21-001064
400 Block Echols Street, SE
Between February 27 at 8:00 p.m. and February 28 at 9:30 a.m.

A resident reported that someone rummaged through his two unlocked vehicles. Nothing appears to have been taken.

Animal Case – Quarantine 21-001096
Hope Advanced Veterinary Center
140 Park Street, SE
February 28 12:00 p.m.

The Health Department reported that an employee was bitten by a cat during a procedure. The cat is being held under the 10-quarantine at the Veterinary Center.

Arrest – Warrant Service 21-001071
7-11

427 Maple Avenue, East
February 28 11:28 p.m.

An employee reported a suspicious person outside of the store. Upon the officers' interaction with the woman, they determined she had an active warrant in Alexandria, Virginia.

MPO Borja arrested the 54-year-old woman from Campbell Drive in Fairfax, Virginia. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where the warrant was served charging Failure To Appear on Trespassing and she was held without bond.

Juvenile Case 21-001076
Kingsley Road, SW
March 1 5:30 p.m.

A resident requested assistance with their juvenile son who was upset and had destroyed some property in the home. Officers were able to assist in speaking to the juvenile and calming him.

Animal Case – Quarantine 21-001102
300 Block Lawyers Road, NW
March 1 8:00 p.m.

A resident reported that his dog got into a fight with a raccoon and that the raccoon ran off. The dog suffered scratches and abrasions on his head and was treated by his vet. The dog was placed on a 45-day quarantine.

Suspicious Person 21-001081

7-11

537 Maple Avenue, West

March 1 8:31 p.m.

An employee reported that a man got out of his vehicle, urinated in the parking lot, and was stumbling into the store. When officers arrived the man was exiting the store and going back to his vehicle. The man agreed that he was in no condition to drive and family members responded to the store to transport him home.

Suspicious Event 21-001101

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

March 2 2:03 p.m.

Officers responded to check on the welfare of a resident who made concerning statements to an employee with the Social Security Department. The resident reported that she was upset with the situation when she made the statements and did not need any further assistance or services.

Burglary 21-001120

100 Block Casmar Street, SE

Between March 2 at 5:00 p.m. and March 3 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that someone forced entry into the vacant home that they are renovating and took an air conditioning unit and furnace.

Unlawful Entry 21-001107

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

March 2 8:55 p.m.

Officers responded to a dispute between a resident and his ex-girlfriend. The woman came to the apartment to discuss a civil matter. When the resident refused to speak to her she began trying to enter his room through the window, as the resident was struggling to close the window. The window screen was damaged during the altercation. The resident did not wish to pursue charges but requested the woman be trespassed from the apartment. The woman was advised that she may be charged with trespass if she returns.

Domestic Dispute 21-001130

Locust Street, SE

March 3 7:58 p.m.

Officers responded to a verbal dispute between a resident and her adult daughter.

Animal Case 21-001117

100 Block Kingsley Road, SW

March 3 9:00 p.m.

A resident reported a sick raccoon on his front porch. ACO Barker found the animal was in grave condition and euthanized the raccoon.

Arrest – Warrant Service 21-001135

Cameo Coins & Collectibles

444 Maple Avenue, East

March 4 8:29 a.m.

Officers responded to the report of a suspicious person in the area of the coin shop. Upon the officers' interaction with the man, they determined there was an active warrant for him in Prince Georges County, Maryland charging Failure to Appear on Assault.

MPO Lyons arrested the 44-year-old man who had no fixed address. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged as a Fugitive from Justice and released by the magistrate on a \$2000 unsecured bond.

CRASHES

300 Block Ayr Hill Avenue, NE 21-001011

February 25 1:05 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on eastbound Ayr Hill Avenue, NE. Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Ayr Hill Avenue when the passenger-side mirror struck the driver-side mirror of Vehicle-2.

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

Church Street and Lawyers Road, NW 21-001014

February 25 5:40 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was in the right turn lane on eastbound Church Street, turning right onto southbound Lawyers Road. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

500 Block Ayr Hill Avenue, NE 21-001126

March 4 3:07 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on the roadway. Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle 2 and the driver fled the scene without providing their information.

500 Block Maple Avenue, West 21-001150

March 4 5:44 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was entering the roadway from a parking lot when it struck Vehicle-2.

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

CASE UPDATES

None

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

On December 10, 2020, Governor Northam issued Executive Order #72, which incorporates earlier Executive Orders Sixty-Three Sixty-Seven that will take effect on Monday, December 14, 2020, at 12:01 a.m. This amended order remains in effect until rescinded or amended by further executive order. Questions, concerns, and complaints of this order's violations should be directed to the VA Department of Health at 1-877-275-8343.

For more information about COVID-19, navigate to <https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus-updates/>
The full text of Executive Order Seventy-Two is available [here](#)



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department
Media Information Release
Operations Modifications in

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. There 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



HARD HAT CORNER

EEK OF MARCH 8, 2021

- Start mobilization for vertical demolition.
- Washington gas started working on relocating the church gas lines.
- Start of work on temporary heat.
- Begin process to close sidewalk on Locust side of project to improve safety of pedestrians.

WEEK OF MARCH 15, 2021

- Continue with vertical demolition.
- Start hauling off recycled demolition material.
- Start receiving delivery of storm structures.

**** As we move forward with the new facility's construction, Chief Morris is committed to keeping the Vienna community informed and involved in the process. A link has also been established on the Town of Vienna website (<https://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=1225>) for your information.**

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.