



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

April 30, 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 April 23, 2021 – April 29, 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

Animal Case 21-002210

**Hope Advanced Veterinary Center
140 Park Street, SE**

April 25 1:00 a.m.

A technician was bitten by a dog during a procedure. The dog was released to its owner in Herndon, Virginia. The report was turned over to the Fairfax County Animal Control to follow up on the quarantine.

Animal Complaint 21-002211

900 Block Westwood Drive, NE

April 25 7:00 p.m.

A citizen was walking with her son when the child was bitten by a dog. The child was treated for minor injuries at a local medical facility. The dog's owner was advised of the quarantine procedure.

Animal Case 21-002185

500 Block Valley Drive, SE

April 26 8:02 a.m.

An officer responded to the report of a sick raccoon in a resident's backyard. The officer observed the animal was in grave condition and euthanized the raccoon.

Police Service 21-002195

Locust Street near Center Street, SW

April 26 7:53 p.m.

Officers heard a couple of loud noises, then saw that the top of a utility pole was on fire on Locust Street, near Center Street, causing the power to go out in the area. Dominion Power responded to the area and quickly restored the power.

Animal Case 21-002197
600 Block Roberts Drive, NW
April 27 7:03 a.m.

An officer responded to the report of a sick raccoon in a resident's backyard. The officer observed the animal was in grave condition and euthanized the raccoon.

Suspicious Event 21-002205
100 Block Kingsley Road, SW
April 27 7:59 p.m.

A citizen reported that she loaned her iPhone to her sister and that her sister's husband stole the iPhone. An officer responded to the sister's house and verified that the husband had returned the iPhone and that no theft had occurred.

Death – Unknown Cause 21-002204
600 Block Manor Drive, NE
April 27 8:01 p.m.

An out-of-state relative requested a welfare check on a resident who they had not heard from for several months. Officers responded to the home and were unable to make contact with the resident. While checking the doors and windows for anything suspicious, the officers observed the resident deceased in the home.

This case is being investigated.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 21-002236
Popeye's Restaurant
325 Maple Avenue, East
April 29 8:18 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a disorderly man harassing customers at the restaurant. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, they detected signs of impairment.

MPO Borja arrested the 48-year-old man from Maryland Avenue in Crewe, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Drunk In Public.

CRASHES

Maple Avenue and Park Street, NE 21-002189
April 26 2:50 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Park Street, turning left onto eastbound Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was traveling in the left westbound lane on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 entered the intersection with Park Street on a red light and struck Vehicle-2.

500 Block Orchard Street, NW 21-002225
April 29 8:30 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on Malcolm Road, NW. Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2. 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.

CITIZEN NOTES



HARD HAT CORNER

Week of May 03, 2021

- Test tie-backs to design strength
- Remaining building excavation and hauling out dirt
- Complete installing remaining wood lagging
- Mobilize concrete trade partner to start foundation

Week of May 10, 2021

- Start excavation for building foundations
- Start pouring footings
- Continue excavation and hauling out dirt
- Haul in suitable soils
- Approved new design of storm sewer on Center St.

**** 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://vienna.prod.govaccess.org/your-government/town-departments-at-your-service/police/police-station-construction/-fsiteid-1>) for your information.**

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.**



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.**