

## VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

June 4, 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 May 29, 2021 – June 3, 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)

\*\*The Town of Vienna Police Department is still responding to multiple cases of vehicle tamperings. 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.\*\*

## **INCIDENTS**

Petit Larceny 21-002781 200 Block Locust Street, SE

Between April 26 at 12:00 p.m. and May 28 at 9:12 p.m.

A resident reported that the front license plate was stolen from her vehicle and replaced with a license plate that had previously been reported as stolen from the same area. The owner of the recovered license plate was notified. (*Reference April 23, 2021 Highlights, Incident #21-002046*).

Grand Larceny 21-2771 Vienna One LLC 377 Maple Avenue, West

#### Between May 6 at 12:00 p.m. and May 25 at 12:00 p.m.

An employee reported that on May 6, he noticed that a large amount of copper wiring, conduit, and electrical panels were taken from the property. On May 25, he noticed that three stormwater grates for the parking lot were stolen.

Fraud 21-002858 200 Block Walnut Lane, NW May 8 12:01 p.m.

On May 8, a resident made an online furniture purchase. The company delivered earphones instead of the furniture he ordered. Attempts to contact the company have been unsuccessful.

Petit Larceny 21-002677 700 Block Plum Street, SW

Between May 22 at 8:00 p.m. and May 23 at 7:30 a.m.

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

Arrest - Destruction of Property 21-002680 Maple Avenue and Nutley Street, NW May 23 11:16 a.m.

A juvenile reported that she was driving her mother's vehicle westbound on Maple Avenue, stopped at the red traffic light at Nutley Street. The juvenile stated that, without provocation, an unknown man kicked her vehicle as he was walking past, causing a dent in the passenger side door. The man continued walking eastbound on Maple Avenue.

Officers located the man in the area, and MPO Lyons issued a summons to the 44-year-old man of no fixed address, charging Destruction of Property. The man was released on his signature.

Assault 21-002707 1100 Moorefield Hill Court, SW May 25 8:30 p.m.

On May 26, a resident reported that he was assaulted by his neighbor the previous night. He and the neighbor have a long-standing dispute over trees and bushes in their shared fence line. The two were arguing over a tree branch when the neighbor struck him with a stick. The resident was advised of the warrant process should he decide to pursue charges against his neighbor.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 21-002729 Center Street, North May 26 1:59 p.m.

A resident reported that his wife was intoxicated and making statements about harming herself. The wife advised she was upset, but did not intend to harm herself. She requested to be detoxified. Rescue personnel responded and transported the woman to an area hospital for treatment.

# **Animal Case – Quarantine 21-002832** 400 Block Nelson Drive, NE

May 27 12:13 p.m.

On June 1, the Fairfax County Health Department notified ACO Barker that a resident was bitten by her dog while she was playing with it. ACO Barker advised the resident of the 10-day quarantine.

Found Property 21-002776 100 Church Street, NE May 28 2:34 p.m.

A citizen turned in a set of keys that they had found on the W&OD Bike Trail near Church Street.

Runaway Juvenile 21-002779 100 Block Maple Avenue, West May 28 7:04 p.m.

A citizen reported eating dinner at Pazzo Pomodoro on Branch Road, SE when her 17-year-old daughter became agitated and fled the restaurant. The citizen followed her daughter until she lost her in the 100 block Maple Avenue, West. The juvenile was reported as missing and entered into the national database. A short time later, the juvenile was located in Alexandria, Virginia by the Metro Transit Police and returned to her parents.

**Arrest – Assault 21-002792** 600 Block Hillcrest Drive, SW May 30 2:00 a.m.

Officers responded to the report of an assault. They located one of the men a block away from the address suffering from facial injuries. Rescue personnel responded to treat the man. A resident reported that there was a verbal dispute with her boyfriend at the house and she asked him to leave. Her son then assaulted her boyfriend.

PFC Gucwa arrested the 20-year-old man from Hillcrest Drive, SW, Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Assault.

**Trespassing 21-002795** Wawa

465 Maple Avenue, West

May 30 2:28 p.m.

An employee reported a woman who was loitering in the store and refused to leave. The woman was trespassed from Wawa and advised that she may be charged if she returns to the store.

**Animal Case 21-002800** 900 Block Lullaby Lane, SE May 30 7:46 p.m.

A resident reported a sick raccoon behind the shed in her backyard. The officer found the animal was in grave condition and euthanized it.

### Petit Larceny 21-002822 100 Block Elm Street, SW

### Between May 30 9:30 p.m. and May 31 11:00 a.m.

A resident reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle and stole a backpack containing workout equipment and apparel.

Suspicious Event 21-002801 Southside Park 1317 Ross Drive, SW May 30 10:37 p.m.

A resident reported what she thought were sounds from a motorcycle on the baseball fields. Officers heard the same noise, then heard people in the park. While searching the park, officers found a riding lawn mower that had recently been run. They also found open doors to one of the sheds. The lawnmower was returned to the shed and the doors were secured. No one was located in the area.

### Vehicle Tampering 21-002808 900 Block Fairway Drive, NE May 31 3:54 a.m.

A resident reported that at 8:00 a.m., she found that someone had rummaged through her vehicle. Security cameras showed that at 3:54 a.m., two people drove into the area, one of the individuals approached the resident's vehicle and began rummaging through it. The other individual went to her neighbor's vehicle, which was locked, and prevented them from accessing it.

Animal Case – Quarantine 21-002834 Hope Advanced Veterinary Center 140 Park Street, SE May 31 12:30 p.m.

On June 1, the Fairfax County Health Department reported that a technician at the veterinary center was bitten by a dog during a procedure. The dog returned to his home in Alexandria. Fairfax County Animal Control was notified to follow up on the quarantine.

## Welfare Check 21-002827 300 Block Church Street, NE May 31 11:19 p.m.

Officers responded for a welfare check on a resident, after he made concerning statements over the phone to a care facility out of state, indicating he may attempt to harm himself. The man advised officers he made the statements in an attempt to elicit assistance from the facility but did not intend to harm himself. Officers provided the man with information on local resources that are available to him.

Grand Larceny 21-002848
300 Block Mashie Drive, SE
June 1 between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
A resident reported jewelry stolen from the residence.

### Civil Dispute 21-002850 300 Block Tapawingo Road, SW June 1 6:21 p.m.

A landlord reported an issue with their previous tenant. The landlord was advised of their options to pursue the civil process.

## Animal Case – Quarantine 21-002886 500 Block Lewis Street, NW June 2 1:12 p.m.

On June 3, the Fairfax County Health Department notified ACO Barker that a juvenile was bitten by his dog. The juvenile's mother advised that the juvenile accidentally startled the sleeping dog, resulting in the bite. The resident was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

Trespassing 21-002867 US Post Office 200 Lawyers Road, NW June 2 1:36 p.m.

An employee reported a customer in the post office was agitated after being advised that he needed an appointment for the service he was requesting, and he was refusing to leave. Officers explained the process to the man and advised him that post office staff wanted him trespassed from the premises.

## **CRASHES**

## 200 Block Maple Avenue, West 21-002633

### May 21 8:00 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue in the center lane. Vehicle-2 was exiting the parking lot of 214 Maple Avenue, turning left to go westbound when they were struck by Vehicle-1.

# Maple Avenue and Lewis Street, SW 21-002699 May 25 2:30 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue in the left lane. Vehicle-1 was southbound on Lewis Street, turning left onto eastbound Maple Avenue. As Vehicle-1 entered the intersection they struck the side of Vehicle-2. As Vehicle-2 moved, Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2 again in the rear.

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

# 203 Maple Avenue, East 21-002755 May 26 9:00 p.m.

Two vehicles were backing out of parking spaces across from each other. Vehicle-2 stopped to avoid a collision with Vehicle-1. Vehicle-1 continued backing, striking Vehicle-2. Driver-1 exited the vehicle to examine the damage but left the scene without providing her information to Driver-2.

# 430 Maple Avenue, West 21-002866 June 1 9:20 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling in the left eastbound lane of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound in the center turn lane. Vehicle-1 veered into the eastbound lanes and sideswiped Vehicle-2. Driver-1 fled the scene without stopping to provide their information.

# Center Street and Ayr Hill Avenue, NW 21-002873 June 2 6:45 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Center Street. Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Ayr Hill Avenue. Vehicle-1 failed to stop for the stop sign and collided with Vehicle-2 in the intersection.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Obey a Stop Sign.

# Nutley Street and Kingsley Road, SW 21-002872 June 2 7:07 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Nutley Street in the left lane. Vehicle-1 was attempting to turn left from Kingsley Road onto southbound Nutley Street when they struck Vehicle-2.

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

# Cottage Street and Scott Circle, SW 21-002881 June 3 6:00 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling northbound on Cottage Street, approaching the intersection with Scott Circle. Driver-1 swerved to avoid a vehicle that moved in front of him, causing him to veer off the right side of the road and strike a tree on Scott Circle.

## CASE UPDATES

None

Please contact Ruth Rohr for further information on any of these cases at <a href="mailto:Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov">Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov</a> or 703-255-6324.

# **CITIZEN NOTES**



#### **Week of June 07, 2021**

- Continue forming and pouring south and North foundation walls
- Start excavation for elevator pit
- Haul of spoils from building footings
- Haul in and compact suitable soils on East elevation

#### **Week of June 14, 2021**

- Continue forming and pouring North and South foundation walls
- Form and pour elevator pit.
- Haul of spoils from building footings
- Haul in and compact suitable soils on East elevation

\*\* 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 (<a href="https://vienna.prod.govaccess.org/your-government/town-departments-at-your-service/police/police-station-construction/-fsiteid-1">https://vienna.prod.govaccess.org/your-government/town-departments-at-your-service/police/police-station-construction/-fsiteid-1</a>) 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 <a href="https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus-updates/">https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus-updates/</a>
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



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### 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.