

VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

June 25, 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 June 18, 2021 – June 24, 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)

On July 1, 2021, Citizens will be able to access Community Policing data via https://data.virginia.gov/stories/s/rden-cz3h. The Vienna Police Department had started complying with this state law in July of 2020. The portal will contain all non-consensual investigatory stops made by the Vienna Police Departments and other law enforcement agencies in the commonwealth.

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

Grand Larceny 21-003255

200 Block Elm Street, SW

Between June 1 at 12:00 p.m. and June 19 at 11:00 a.m.

A resident reported that someone stole a bicycle from his unlocked shed.

Exposure 21-003094

400 Block Center Street, North

June 11 between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

A dog walker was walking a client's dog when she noticed a man in a neighboring house acting suspiciously and watching her. As the dog walker was leaving her client's home the man stood in his doorway and exposed himself to her.

Grand Larceny 21-003123

Westwood Country Club

800 Maple Avenue, East

June 13 between 11:15 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

A citizen reported that someone smashed the rear window of her vehicle and stole her purse.

Assist EMS 21-003126

300 Block Talahi Road, SE

June 14 3:13 a.m.

Officers responded to assist rescue personnel with a resident who overdosed on an unknown substance.

Found Property 21-003231

Kingsley Road and Cottage Street, SW

June 16 5:00 p.m.

A citizen turned in earbuds that they found near the intersection of Kingsley Road and Cottage Street, SW.

Suspicious Event 21-003224

200 Block Talahi Road, SE

June 18 4:10 a.m.

An Uber driver called for assistance with a fare. The driver reported that the man was intoxicated and belligerent during the ride. As the man exited the vehicle, he stumbled and fell on the sidewalk. The man walked away before officers and rescue personnel arrived. Officers searched for the man but were unable to locate him.

Grand Larceny 21-003228

7-11

537 Maple Avenue, West

June 18 8:09 a.m.

A man entered the store and stole several cartons of cigarettes. When an employee attempted to confront the man, he fled the area in a vehicle.

Domestic Dispute 21-003234 Marshall Road, SW

June 18 9:00 a.m.

An officer spoke to a resident and her husband regarding ongoing domestic issues.

Domestic Dispute 21-003253

Nutley Street, SW

June 19 11:13 a.m.

A resident got into an argument with her brother. The brother left the home before the officers arrived

Animal Case – Quarantine 21-003318 600 Block John Marshall Drive, NE

June 20 12:00 p.m.

A resident was bitten by his neighbor's dog. The neighbor was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

Open Door 21-003280

Elks Lodge

250 Nutley Street, NW

June 20 7:39 p.m.

Officers responding to a 911 hang-up found an unsecured door to the lodge. No one was located in the building and nothing appeared to have been disturbed.

Telephone Case 21-003296

600 Block Tazewell Road, NW

June 21 4:17 p.m.

A resident received a phone call from an unknown number. When he returned the call, an unknown man answered the phone and became irate and threatened the resident.

Suspicious Event 21-003303 Money & King Funeral Home 171 Maple Avenue, West June 21 7:00 p.m.

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An employee reported that someone left a message on the funeral home's voicemail stating they wanted to kill themselves. The phone number returned to a group home in Fairfax County. Fairfax County Police responded to the home and spoke to a caretaker who reported that they were aware of the phone call that their resident made and that no additional police services were needed.

Animal Case – Quarantine 21-003332

700 Block Upham Place, NW

June 21 8:00 p.m.

The Fairfax County Health Department reported that a resident was bitten by her cat. The resident was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

Civil Dispute 21-003313 Cigar & More 386 Maple Avenue, East, #106 June 22 10:16 a.m.

Officers responded to a dispute between a landlord and tenant. The tenant felt he was being wrongfully evicted. The landlord was changing the locks after being granted an eviction order from the court. Officers and Fairfax County Sheriff's Deputies remained at the store while the tenant removed his property.

Telephone Case 21-003323 400 Block Ridge Road, SW June 22 10:30 a.m.

A resident received a message over social media that contained an image with compromising photos of them. The unknown sender then requested payment or they would release the photos online.

Animal Case 21-003338 Lawyers Road and Maple Avenue, NW June 23 11:30 a.m.

ACO Barker found two dogs running at large. Attempts to locate an owner were unsuccessful. The dogs were transported to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

Petit Larceny 21-003344 600 Block Upham Place, NW June 23 between 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

A resident reported that an E-ZPass transponder and an iPhone cable were stolen from their vehicle.

Death – Unknown Cause 21-003350 300 Block Talahi Road, SE June 23 between 5:00 p.m. and 9:45 p.m.

Officers responded with rescue personnel for a woman suffering a medical emergency. The residents reported that they returned home and found their adult daughter unresponsive in her room. Attempts to resuscitate the woman were unsuccessful.

Police Service 21-003375 500 Block Roberts Drive, NW June 24 10:21 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a suspicious person. They located a man who appeared to be emotionally disturbed. The man advised that he walked away from his parent's home in Fairfax County after arguing with them. He also reported that he smashed some of the windows in their vehicles after the argument. An officer transported the man home, where his parents advised they would seek an Emergency Care Order for him. Fairfax County Police were notified of the situation.

CRASHES

112 Courthouse Road, SW 21-003243

June 18 1:48 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was turning right onto northbound Courthouse Road from Cottage Street. Pedestrian-1 was walking in the pedestrian crosswalk when he was struck by Vehicle-1. Pedestrian-1 was transported by rescue personnel to an area hospital with minor injuries.

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

Maple Avenue and Pleasant Street, SW 21-003252

June 19 10:55 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was eastbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was northbound on Pleasant Street and struck Vehicle-2 as she pulled onto Maple Avenue.

Maple Avenue and Nutley Street, SW 21-003257 June 19 12:30 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling eastbound in adjacent lanes on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was in the left through lane when the driver attempted to turn right onto Nutley and struck Vehicle-2 who was in the right lane.

165 Maple Avenue, East 21-003293

June 21 3:00 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was exiting the Whole Foods parking lot, attempting to turn left onto Maple Avenue. Traffic is the right eastbound lane stopped for Vehicle-1. As Vehicle-1 inched into the left lane, they were struck by Vehicle-2. Driver-2 proceeded eastbound on Maple without stopping to provide their information.

100 Block Nutley Street, NW 21-003294 June 21 3:53 p.m.

Three vehicles were traveling northbound on Nutley Street, NW. Vehicle-3 and Vehicle-2 were stopped in traffic. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2, causing Vehicle-2 to run into the rear of Vehicle-3.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Following Too Close.

216 Maple Avenue, East 21-003295

June 21 4:37 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue, attempting to turn left into a parking lot. Traffic in the westbound lanes was slowing for a red traffic light. The vehicle in the right westbound lane stopped and waived Driver-1 through. Vehicle-2 was in the left lane and struck Vehicle-1 as they made the turn.

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

537 Maple Avenue, West 21-003302 June 21 9:46 p.m.

Vehicle-1, a delivery truck, backed into a parking space close to Vehicle-2. As Vehicle-1 pulled out and turned right, the rear portion of the truck struck Vehicle-2. Driver-1 left the area, unaware that his vehicle struck Vehicle-2. When he returned later for another delivery, he provided his full 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



The community construction meeting will not be held on Monday, June 28 due to training being held at the police department.

Week of June 28, 2021

- Continue forming and pouring North and West foundation walls
- Excavate and pour last footings on the West wall
- Start MEP below slab rough-in and drain system on East side of the site Haul off spoils from building footings

Week of July 5, 2021

- Continue forming and pouring North and West foundation walls
- Continue excavation and pouring of last footings on the West wall
- Haul in suitable soils
- Haul off spoils from building footings

** 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



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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.