

# **VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS**

August 6, 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

July 30, 2021 – August 5, 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 <u>Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov</u>)

On July 1, 2021, Citizens will be able to access Community Policing data via <u>https://data.virginia.gov/stories/s/rden-cz3h</u>. 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.

### **Car Thefts and Tamperings**

The National Capital Area and specifically the Northern Virginia area, has seen increased vehicle tampering incidents and vehicle thefts. In some incidents, suspects entered homes through unlocked doors and open garage doors to steal property and keys to vehicles. The suspects then used the vehicle keys to gain entry into vehicles and use them to get away. The Vienna Police Department would like to remind our community members to please stay vigilant, close and lock all doors of residences and garages to prevent criminals from targeting your property.

If you see suspicious activity or persons, we ask that you notify the police department at 703-255-6366 or, in the case of an emergency 9-1-1

### **INCIDENTS**

Fraud 21-004225 Navy Federal Credit Union 820 Follin Lane, SE Between July 4 at 12:01 a.m. and July 5 at 12:01 a.m. A citizen reported fraudulent activity on her bank account.

Fraud 21-004129300 Block Locust Street, SEJuly 16 12:00 a.m.A resident reported that someone made an unauthorized purchase on one of his accounts.

Petit Larceny 21-003866 Westwood Country Club 800 Maple Avenue, East July 18 between 5:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. A citizen reported that he parked his vehicle i

A citizen reported that he parked his vehicle in the country club parking lot with the windows open. When he returned to his vehicle, he found someone had stolen the U.S. currency that he had left on the seat.

### Arrest – Sexual Assault 21-003868 Vienna Green Spa 111 Church Street, NW July 18 between 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

A citizen reported that she was assaulted by a massage therapist during a massage. On July 29, officers executed a search warrant at the Vienna Green Spa. Concurrent with the search warrant, Sgt. Sheeran arrested a 51-year-old man from Swift Current Court in Burke, Virginia, and transported him to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. The man was charged with Sexual Assault and Performing a Message without a Town Permit. The man was held without bond.

Petit Larceny 21-004042 1100 Block Ware Street, SW Between July 26 at 11:00 p.m. and July 27 at 6:00 a.m. A resident reported that someone stole prescription sunglasses from his unlocked vehicle.

### Fraud 21-004127 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE July 30 3:03 p.m.

A resident reported that she began corresponding online with a man she met through social media. The man wanted to ship a package to the resident from overseas but advised she would need to assist him by making a payment for the shipment. After making the initial payment, the resident was advised that additional money would be required for the package to clear customs.

### Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 21-004134 300 Block Maple Avenue, West July 30 8:35 p.m.

A citizen reported an erratic driver who was southbound on Beulah Road. An officer responding to the call observed the vehicle on Maple Avenue. The officer observed the driver commit multiple traffic violations and initiated a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the driver, the officer detected signs of impairment. The driver failed to complete a series of field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest.

Sgt. Slebonick transported the 30-year-old man from Colgate Way in Silver Spring, Maryland to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. The man was given an opportunity to provide a sample of his breath for analysis, but he refused. The man was charged with Driving While Intoxicated, Refusal To Submit to a Breath Test, and Driving Without a License.

#### Vandalism 21-004147 700 Block Kingsley Road, SW July 31 4:00 a.m.

A resident reported that four teenagers threw approximately three dozen eggs at their residence. The teens fled the area in a vehicle.

### Stolen Vehicle Recovery 21-004154 Vienna Police Station 301 Center Street, South July 31 11:16 p.m.

A citizen reported that he filed a stolen vehicle report in Miami, Florida after he found his vehicle was missing from his condominium's garage on July 13, 2021. The citizen advised that his estranged wife resides in Vienna and he believes she may have stolen it. An officer spoke to the estranged wife who agreed to bring the vehicle to the Vienna Police Station. Arrangements were made with the owner to come to Virginia and retrieve his vehicle. This case is under investigation.

### Shoplifting 21-004160 Giant Food 359 Maple Avenue, East August 1 10:29 a.m.

An employee reported that a woman left the store with a cart full of items that she had not paid for. The employee stopped the woman outside of the store where she admitted that she had taken the items. The employee did not wish to pursue charges for the shoplifting. The woman was trespassed from the store at the employee's request. The woman was advised that she may be charged with trespassing if she returns to the store.

### Trespassing 21-004162 Vienna Elementary School 128 Center Street, South August 1 1:30 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of juveniles on the roof of the school. An officer located the two juveniles and notified their parents. School Security did not wish to pursue charges for trespassing. The juveniles were released to the custody of their parents.

#### Domestic Dispute 21-004184 Park Terrace Court, SE August 2 4:51 p.m.

An officer responded to the parking lot for a domestic dispute between a boyfriend and girlfriend.

### Arrest – Domestic Assault 21-004189 Locust Street, SE August 3 12:00 a.m.

Officers responded to assist rescue. A man stated that his mother was intoxicated and needed medical assistance. Officers located the resident in her apartment. She reported that her son returned home from a casino and requested money from her. When she refused to give him money, her son physically assaulted her, causing visible injuries. During the assault, he also threatened her with a large knife. The son then called 911 requesting rescue personnel respond to treat his mom. The resident refused medical treatment but was later transported to the hospital by another family member.

PFC Murray arrested the 21-year-old man from Locust Street, SE, Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Domestic Assault and served with an Emergency Protective Order.

### Police Service 21-004191 Fardale Street, SE August 3 7:54 a.m.

Fairfax County Police requested our officers serve an Emergency Protective Order on one of their cases. The resident came to the Vienna Police Station to accept service of the order.

### Trespassing 21-004196 7-11 537 Maple Avenue, West August 3 5:54 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a man who was sitting in front of the store harassing customers. When the employee asked the man to leave, the man threatened them. The employee trespassed the man from the store, and the officers advised him that he may be charged with trespass if he returned.

### Trespassing 21-004203 McDonald's 544 Maple Avenue, West August 3 10:06 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a man in the roadway who was asking people for money. When officers asked the man to leave, he moved to the McDonald's parking lot where he continued to harass customers. An employee trespassed the man from the restaurant, and the officers advised him that he may be charged with trespass if he returns.

#### Domestic Dispute 21-004218 Upham Place, NW August 4 1:04 p.m.

Officers responded to a domestic dispute between the residents over an eviction notice that was served on one of them.

### Animal Case 21-004233 100 Block Melody Lane, SW August 5 8:42 a.m.

A resident was walking her dog when another dog jumped from the window of a parked vehicle and attacked her dog. The attacking dog belonged to a man working at a construction site who was able to break up the fight between the dogs. The resident's dog ran off and returned home on its own a short time later with minor injuries from the attack. Both dogs are current on the vaccinations and ACO Barker is working with both parties and the injured dog's vet to resolve the matter.

### Suspicious Event 21-004243 Westwood Country Club 800 Maple Avenue, East August 5 2:19 p.m.

An employee reported that he has been receiving calls from citizens who claim they were hired by the country club and wanted to know when they were to start work. The employee found that an unknown person posted a false hiring announcement for the country club on the website "indeed". That person was having potential applicants provide their personal information to them.

### **CRASHES**

### 200 Block Maple Avenue, East 21-004226 August 4 7:00 p.m.

Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2, a vehicle that was legally parked in a lot. Driver-1 notified the owner of Vehicle-2 of the accident. However, Driver-1 left the scene without providing accurate contact information to the owner of Vehicle-2.

### CASE UPDATES

*Incident Correction* Juvenile Case 21-004072 100 Block Lewis Street, NW

July 28 1:56p.m.

A Green Hedges staff member clarified that the juvenile who ran away was with the Fairfax Collegiate Summer Camp that is held on the Green Hedges campus.

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

### **CITIZEN NOTES**

On Deck with Mercury Tuesday, August 10, 2021, between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Dunkin' Donuts 314 Maple Avenue, West

Chief Morris will be joining the Town Manager at this month's On Deck with Mercury. The Construction Community Meeting scheduled for August 23, 2021, will also be held at this meeting.



Week of August 09, 2021

- Continue installing storm 12 to 13 on center street
- Continue installing structural steel
- Pour leave out of foundation wall
- Backfill foundation walls.

#### Week of August 16, 2021

- Detail and install metal deck on first floor
- Install storm structures 13 to 16
- Continue working on East spread footings
- Install waterproofing on foundation walls

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



### Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release



On July 29, 2021, officers with the Vienna Police Department executed a search warrant at the Green Spa located at 111 Church St. NW. Concurrent with the search warrant, officers arrested Hongsub Song, a/k/a "Greg" for the sexual battery of a female client and for performing unlicensed massage. Mr. Song was held at the Fairfax County adult detention center without bond.

For further information please contact: MPO Juan Vazquez - Town of Vienna Police Department juan.vazquez@viennava.gov or 703-255-7845



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### Town Wildlife Affected by Mysterious Illness

Wildlife managers throughout the region are hard at work trying to determine the source of a mysterious illness that is killing wild birds, including some in Vienna. Symptoms of the avian illness include eye swelling and crusty discharge as well as neurological signs.

"We've seen an uptick in reports of sick and dying birds in Vienna since the end of May," said Animal Control Officer John Barker. "Until wildlife biologists can determine what is causing the birds to get sick, we're appealing to the public to take action to help reduce the risk to wildlife in the region."

Birds congregating at bird feeders and bird baths can transmit diseases to one another. Therefore, the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources recommends the following standard precautions:

- Stop feeding birds until this wildlife morbidity/mortality event subsides;
- Clean feeders and bird baths with a 10% bleach solution (one part bleach mixed with nine parts water), rinse with water and allow to air dry;
- While no human health issues have been reported, you should avoid handling birds unless necessary. If you do handle them, wear disposable gloves. If picking up a dead bird, place an inverted plastic bag over your hand to avoid direct contact with the bird, seal the bag and dispose of it in household trash;
- Keep pets (including pet birds) away from sick or dead wild birds as a standard precaution; and
- If at any time you find multiple dead birds in your yard over a short period of time, regardless of whether or not there is an ongoing bird mortality event, it is prudent to clean feeders and bird baths with a 10% bleach solution.

If you encounter sick or dead birds, please report them to the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources: dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/diseases/bird-mortality-reporting-form.

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 <u>https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus-updates/</u> The full text of Executive Order Seventy-Two is available <u>here</u>



### 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.