

VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

September 10, 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 September 3, 2021 – September 9, 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.

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 21-004998

600 Block Welles Street, SE

August 31 5:12 p.m.

A resident reported that someone used his personal information to open credit card accounts.

Grand Larceny 21-005039

300 Mill Street, NE

Between September 1 at 6:00 p.m. and September 2 at 7:00 a.m.

The owner of a lawn service reported that someone cut the chain to gain entry to a parking area where their work vehicles are parked. A catalytic converter was taken from one of their vehicles.

Vandalism 21-005084

Westwood Country Club

800 Maple Avenue, East

September 4 between 4:00 a.m. and 10:25 a.m.

An employee left her vehicle legally parked in the parking lot near the clubhouse. When she returned she found the rear passenger window of the vehicle was shattered. Nothing appeared to have been taken the vehicle.

Arrest – Noise Violation 21-005080 100 Block Tapawingo Road, SE September 4 8:45 a.m.

At 7:25 a.m. an officer responded to a complaint of noise coming from a home under construction. The officer advised the construction worker of the Town's Noise Ordinance and warned them that construction could not begin before 9:00 a.m. At 8:45 a.m., an officer responded to a second complaint regarding the construction noise. PFC Williams issued a summons to the 30-year-old woman from Artillery Road in Manassas, Virginia, charging Creating Excessive Noise. The woman was released on her signature.

Found Property 21-005087 Valley Drive and Glyndon Street, SE September 4 12:10 p.m.

A citizen turned in a credit card that they found in the area.

Trespassing 21-005098 Pazzo Pomodoro 118 Branch Road, SE September 4 8:51 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a man who was trespassing and bothering patrons. Employees at the restaurant did not wish to pursue trespassing charges but wanted the man to leave the restaurant. Officers spoke to the man and he left the area without further incident.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 21-005110 100 Block Patrick Street, SE September 5 5:27 p.m.

Officers responded to a residence to serve an Emergency Custody Order. Rescue personnel also responded to assist in transporting the resident to an area hospital for evaluation. The man became increasingly agitated at the hospital and assaulted one of the officers. After the hospital staff completed their evaluation, a Temporary Detention Order was issued and the officers transported the man to another medical facility for mental treatment.

Petit Larceny 21-005115 7-11 537 Maple Avenue, West September 6 12:05 a.m.

Officers responded to an alarm at the business. An employee advised he activated the alarm after two juvenile girls took alcohol from the store and fled the area in a vehicle. Officers spoke to the owner of the vehicle and determined their daughter and her friend were the two that were involved. The juveniles returned to the store with their parents and made restitution for the theft. The girls were verbally counseled by an officer and left in the custody of their parents.

Suspicious Event 21-005155 Charles Circle, SW September 6 2:00 p.m.

A resident reported that a man came to his house soliciting for pest control. The resident told the man that he was not interested, but the solicitor was persistent. The resident provided him with his contact information for the company to send him an estimate. After the solicitor left, the resident received an email that showed he committed to a contract with the company. The resident notified the company to cancel the contract. A short time later, the solicitor called and harassed the resident.

Fraud 21-005163 Viva Sol Juice Co. 124 Maple Avenue, West September 7 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

An employee received a call on her cell phone at work. The caller convinced the employee to purchase gift cards and provide them with the information. After the caller withdrew money from her bank accounts and purchased the cards, she realized the call was a scam.

Animal Case – Quarantine 21-005162 Hope Advanced Veterinary Center 140 Park Street, SE September 7 11:30 a.m.

An employee was bitten by a dog during a procedure. The dog was released to its owner in Reston, Virginia. Fairfax County Animal Control will follow up on the dog's quarantine.

Suspicious Person 21-005159 Crumbl Cookies 203 Maple Avenue, East September 7 12:11 p.m.

A store manager reported issues they were having with a suspended employee. The man had been calling the store repeatedly, then he came to the store intoxicated, acting aggressively, and being abusive towards the employees. The man was not at the store when the officers arrived. The manager called the man in the officers' presence and advised him that he was no longer permitted in the store and would pursue charges if he returned. An officer also spoke to the former employee advising him that he would be arrested if he returned.

Vandalism 21-005224 311 Maple Avenue, East

September 8 between 10:00 a.m. and 10:25 a.m.

A citizen left their vehicle legally parked in the parking lot. When they returned they found the right side mirror was shattered.

Petit Larceny 21-005235 400 Block Glyndon Street, SE September 9 3:11 p.m.

A resident reported that someone stole some of his road markers.

Petit Larceny 21-005241 164 Maple Avenue, West September 9 between 2:00 p.m. and 5:40 p.m.

An employee parked her vehicle in the parking lot behind Loyal Companion. When she returned to her vehicle and began to drive, she found the vehicle was malfunctioning. It was determined that someone had stolen the rear brakes and rotors.

CRASHES

140 Park Street, SE 21-004976

August 4 9:00 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in the parking lot when it was struck by Vehicle-1. Driver-1 fled the scene without stopping to provide their information.

Courthouse Road and Maple Avenue, SW 21-005058 September 3 12:30 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was on Courthouse Road, in the right northbound lane at the traffic light for Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was exiting the shopping center parking lot when they struck Vehicle-2.

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

600 Block Plum Street, SW 21-005074 September 4 4:15 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on the roadway when it was struck by Vehicle-1. Driver-1 fled the scene without stopping to provide their information.

1001 Park Street, SE 21-005107 September 5 1:07 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was turning right onto southbound Park Street from the school parking lot. Driver-1 lost control of the vehicle, drove off the right side of the road, and struck a traffic sign, power pole and fence.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Reckless Driving.

Mill Street and Ayr Hill Avenue, NE 21-005199 September 8 11:56 a.m.

Vehicle-2 proceeded to turn left from northbound Mill Street onto westbound Ayr Hill Avenue. Vehicle-1 was traveling northbound on Mill Street and struck Vehicle-2 as it entered the intersection.

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

200 Block Maple Avenue, West 21-005204 September 8 4:00 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound on Maple Avenue in adjacent lanes. Vehicle-1 was in the right lane and attempted to make a U-turn and 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.

CITIZEN NOTES



Week of September 13, 2021

- Start Hip roof on community room
- Complete backfill on community roomr
- Install storm structures 13 to 16
- Install CMU walls on basement level
- Mobilize exterior wall framing on South elevation
- Pour concrete on second floor deck

Week of September 20, 2021

- Start installing exterior wall framing
- Continue installing storms 13 to 16
- Start installing roof trusses on main building.
- Continue working on waterproofing West foundation walls
- Complete Backfill of foundation walls

Pour slab on grade on community room

** 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.



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 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.