

## VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

October 1, 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 24, 2021 to September 30, 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 <a href="https://data.virginia.gov/stories/s/rden-cz3h">https://data.virginia.gov/stories/s/rden-cz3h</a>. 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 case of an emergency 9-1-1.

## **INCIDENTS**

Found Property 21-005608 Vienna Community Center 120 Cherry Street, SE

#### Between June 5 at 8:00 a.m. and September 23 at 2:50 p.m.

A Parks & Recreation employee turned in unclaimed property that was in the Community Center's lost and found. The property included US currency, credit cards, a checkbook, and a battery pack with a charging cable.

Fraud 21-005742

800 Block Plum Street, SW

#### Between July 11 at 12:00 p.m. and September 28 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that someone made unauthorized purchases through his Panera Restaurant account.

Grand Larceny 21-005544

**Giant Food** 

359 Maple Avenue, East

September 21 between 10:50 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

An elderly citizen reported that she placed her purse in the grocery cart while she was shopping in the grocery store. During that time, someone stole her wallet from her purse.

Missing Juvenile 21-005600

Cottage Street, SW

#### Between September 23 at 8:15 p.m. and September 24 at 6:45 a.m.

A resident reported that her teenage son ran away from home. The juvenile was entered into the national missing person database and his information was sent to local police agencies. A short time later, the juvenile was located by a Fairfax County Police Officer in the Fairfax area and reunited with his parents.

Found Property 21-005609

Whole Foods

143 Maple Avenue, East

September 24 11:00 a.m.

A citizen turned in a bag with US currency that she found in the parking lot.

**Animal Case 21-005699** 

Vienna Dog Park

700 Courthouse Road, SW

September 24 3:30 p.m.

The Health Department reported that a resident was bitten while breaking up a fight between his dog and another dog at the park. ACO Barker is trying to determine the owner of the dog who bit the resident.

Open Door 21-005619 100 Block Church Street, NE September 25 12:21 a.m.

Officers responding to an alarm at an apartment found an unsecured door. Officers searched the apartment, found that nothing appeared out of place, and they secured the door.

Suspicious Event 21-005644 300 Block Courthouse Road, SW September 26 10:04 p.m.

A resident reported that she arrived home, walked around the house to the rear entrance, and saw a man in the backyard. The man fled the area when he saw the resident. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate the man. Nothing appeared out of place at the residence.

Arrest – Warrant Service 21-005649 Vienna Town Hall 127 Center Street, South September 27 8:42 a.m.

Officers determined that a man who came to the Town Hall for a court date in the Vienna General District Court was wanted by the Fairfax County Police Department on a felony warrant.

Ofc. Reed arrested the 26-year-old man from Stillwood Circle in Falls Church, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where the warrant charging Destruction of Property was served.

Assault 21-005686 CVS 337 Maple Avenue, East September 28 5:30 a.m.

A citizen was recording a man who was having a dispute with two CVS employees. The man grabbed the citizen's phone from her hand and pushed her when she attempted to get it back from him. Officers spoke to both parties. The manager trespassed the man from the store. The citizen was not injured and did not wish to pursue charges for the assault.

Petit Larceny 21-005741 Vienna Bargains 132 Maple Avenue, East

Between September 29 at 8:00 p.m. and September 30 at 8:00 a.m.

An employee reported that someone stole an office chair and a sewing machine from the sidewalk area in front of the store.

#### Animal Case – Quarantine 21-005744 900 Block Lauren Lane, SE

#### September 30 2:18 p.m.

A doctor's office reported that one of their patients who resides in town was bitten by their cat. The resident was advised of the 10-day quarantine for their cat.

#### **CRASHES**

## Maple Avenue near Park Street, SE 21-005109 September 5 2:54 p.m.

Vehicle-2 (a motorcycle) was traveling in the right eastbound lane of Maple Avenue, approaching Park Street. Vehicle-1 was traveling in the left eastbound lane. Vehicle-1 changed lanes and struck Vehicle-2, knocking the driver off his motorcycle. Driver-2 was transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

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

## Nutley Street and Windover Avenue, NW 21-005431 September 16 4:59 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped for the stop sign on westbound Windover Avenue at Nutley Street. Vehicle-1 was northbound on Nutley Street. As Vehicle-2 entered the intersection, Driver-1 failed to stop for the stop sign and the two vehicles collided. Driver-1 was transported by rescue personnel to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

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

#### 1100 Maple Avenue, East 21-005636 September 26 11:14 a.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound on Maple Avenue in the same lane of traffic. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

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

## 117 Pleasant Street, SW September 28 8:46 a.m.

The property manager reported damage to a brick wall in the parking lot. It appears that Vehicle-1 struck the wall then fled the scene without stopping to provide 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**



#### Week of October 04, 2021

- Continue installing exterior wall framing
- Resume installing storms 12 to 14 on Center Street
- Start on-site work at Community Plaza
- Continue working on waterproofing West foundation walls
- Complete Backfill of foundation walls on North elevation
- Pour slab on grade on Sallyport

#### Week of October 11, 2021

- Continue installing exterior wall framing
- Continue installing storms 14 to 16.
- Install water tie-in on Locust St.
- Continue on-site work at Community Plaza
- Continue working on MEP rough-in on First-floor level
- Start footings for exterior screen wall on the West 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.



# Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

## Vienna Police Department to Participate in the DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative

#### Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In conjunction with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and state and local law enforcement agencies, the Vienna Police Department will again participate in a one-day initiative to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from area homes.

On October 23, 2021, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., the Vienna Police Department will have a collection site for old, expired, unused, or unwanted medications. Prescription medications, controlled or non-controlled substances, and over the counter drugs may be turned in anonymously at the collection point inside the Vienna Police Department temporary facility located at 301 Center Street, South, Vienna, Virginia 22180 (The former Faith Baptist Church).

Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing it and disposing of it directly into the collection box. If an original container is used, the individual should consider removing any identifying information from the prescription label. Liquid products should remain sealed in their original container to prevent leakage.

DEA will collect vape pens or other e-cigarette devices from individual consumers **only** after the batteries are removed from the devices. It is important to stress that the DEA is not responsible for removing the batteries from the devices.

Intravenous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted due to associated hazards (The only exemption are Epipen).

Commercial businesses, pharmacies, or other medical facilities may not use this as a means to discard expired medications or medical waste.

For DEA Authorized Collectors that provide year-round drop-off locations to the public to dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals, go to <u>Controlled Substance Public Disposal Locations</u>.

For further information, please contact:

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

#### **Operations Modifications**

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 the 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 seat 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