

# **VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS**

**January 7, 2022** 

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from

December 22, 2021 to January 6, 2022. 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**

Fraud 21-007771

300 Block Tapawingo Road, SE

**December 2 12:13 p.m.** 

Adult Protective Services reported that an elderly resident was defrauded of money from her bank account.

Fraud 21-008027 100 Block Ayr Hill Avenue, NW December 15 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that someone used their personal information to file an unemployment claim. The Employment Commission will handle this investigation.

Vandalism 21-007846

**Glyndon Park** 

300 Glyndon Street, NE

Between December 17 at 12:00 p.m. and December 21 at 12:00 p.m.

A Town employee reported that someone damaged the dominion power boxes on the restroom building in the park.

Suspicious Event 21-007759

Maple Avenue and Beulah Road, NE

December 19 7:57 p.m.

A woman reported that she noticed a vehicle occupied by juveniles follow her as she left the 7-11 parking lot. While she was on Maple Avenue at the traffic light for Beulah Road, the juveniles threw Tide pods at her vehicle. Officers responded to the vehicle owner's residence and found it was the owner's sons and one of their friends who were in the vehicle throwing the pods. The woman did not wish to pursue charges.

Felony Destruction of Property and Trespassing 21-007761

**Waters Field** 

130 Cherry Street, SE

December 19 11:16 p.m.

A resident reported a vehicle driving recklessly on Waters Field, causing damage. An officer located the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. The vehicle was occupied by two juveniles who were both taken into custody and transported to the Vienna Police Station. One juvenile was released to the custody of his step-father, the other was released to his adult sister. Petitions are pending.

# Petit Larceny 21-007794 300 Block Beulah Road, NE December 21 9:45 a.m.

A resident reported that she noticed an unknown vehicle in the driveway of her home that is under construction and observed a woman trying to enter the locked front door. When the woman saw the resident, she ran to the car, placed a tree that was sitting in the driveway into the vehicle, and attempted to leave. The resident had parked her vehicle behind the woman, causing the woman to drive through the yard to leave the area.

Found Property 21-007814 200 Block Park Terrace Court, SE December 21 1:27 p.m.

A citizen turned in a car key that was found in the area.

Animal Case 21-007841 200 Block Center Street, North December 22 10:30 a.m.

A resident reported that her dog was being walked when it was bitten by another dog. An officer spoke to the owner of the biting dog. ACO Barker will follow up on this case.

Vehicle Tampering 21-007991 1400 Block Patrick Circle, SW

Between December 23 at 12:01 a.m. and December 26 at 7:00 p.m.

A citizen reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle and stole five audiobooks.

Grand Larceny 21-007883 400 Block Old Courthouse Road, NE December 23 3:00 a.m.

A resident reported that her vehicle was repossessed by her bank. The tow truck driver later removed her personal property from the vehicle. All of the property was returned to the resident except her debit card. The resident found that an unauthorized purchase was charged to the debit card after the vehicle was repossessed.

Petit Larceny 21-008042 500 Block Druid Hill Road, NE

Between December 23 at 10:02 a.m. and December 30 at 10:00 p.m.

A resident reported that someone stole a package containing an iPhone from his porch.

Civil Matter 21-007896 Vienna Police Station 301 Center Street, South December 23 8:30 p.m.

A citizen reported an ongoing civil matter with her ex-fiancé. The citizen was advised the incident was a civil matter and did not take place in the Town of Vienna.

**Animal Case 21-007903** 

500 Block Orchard Street, NW

Between December 23 at 11:41 p.m. and December 24 at 11:41 p.m.

A resident reported a dog that was continuously barking. An officer checked on the residence and found the dog was using the dog door to run in and out of the home. The officer was unable to make contact with the dog's owner regarding the complaint.

Arrest - Underage Possession of Marijuana 21-007901 Maple Avenue and Niblick Drive, SE December 23 11:45 p.m.

An officer observed a traffic violation and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, he detected an odor of marijuana and found the driver was in possession of the drug.

Ofc. Garcia issued a summons to the 19-year-old man from Columbia Pike in Vienna charging Underage Possession of Marijuana. The man was released on his signature.

Arrest - Grand Larceny 21-007909 1400 Block Cottage Street, SW

December 24 between 1:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m.

An officer responded to a residence to meet with a Fairfax County Police Officer regarding a larceny report. The County officer advised that they took two men into custody who were stealing from a vehicle in their jurisdiction. One of the men was in possession of property that he had stolen from a vehicle in Vienna. The owner of the vehicle on Cottage Street reported that someone entered hers and her husband's unlocked vehicles and stole her wallet. The wallet was later found by a neighbor with her credit cards missing.

Ofc. Lichtenberg obtained two warrants and served them on the 25-year-old man from Chester Street, SE in Washington, DC charging Vehicle Tampering and Credit Card Theft.

Civil Matter 21-007920 500 Block Princeton Terrace, SW December 24 5:30 p.m.

Officers responded to a dispute between a resident and her tenant.

Found Property 21-007934 Navy Federal Credit Union 820 Follin Lane, SE December 25 9:20 a.m.

A citizen found a credit card near the ATM at the credit union.

# Arrest – Narcotics Violation and Drunk in Public 21-007939 Park Street and Tapawingo Road, SE December 26 12:34 a.m.

A man flagged down an officer requesting a ride home. Upon the officers' interaction with the man, they detected signs of impairment. The man was unable to provide an address or directions to his home. The man was also found to be in possession of narcotics.

Ofc. Armstrong arrested the 30-year-old man. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance and Drunk In Public.

Unlawful Entry 21-007962 Capital Energy Equipment 232 Dominion Road, NE December 26 2:00 a.m.

An employee reported that he noticed an open window when he arrived at work. After reviewing the security cameras he observed two boys entering the business from the side window. Damage was found to some of the ceiling tiles, but nothing appeared to have been taken. The two boys climbed to the second floor where they gained entry to another business. (*Reference Burglary 21-007988*).

Burglary 21-007988 Kaizen MMA 228 Dominion Road, NE December 26 2:00 a.m.

An employee reported that two boys entered the business and stole two karate belts. (*Reference Unlawful Entry 21-007962*).

# Arrest – Narcotics Violation 21-007940 900 Block Maple Avenue, East December 26 8:42 a.m.

An officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed and initiated a traffic stop. The driver was in possession of various narcotics.

Ofc. Carne arrested the 38-year-old man from Freetown Court in Reston, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with two counts of Possession of a Schedule I or II Substance and one count of Possession of a Schedule IV Substance.

Suspicious Event 21-007947 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE December 26 6:35 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of an unknown situation between four men. It was reported that three of the men appeared to be assaulting a man on the ground. All of the men entered an apartment before officers arrived. Officers spoke to the residents. The man who had been on the ground advised the officers that the other men were just helping him up and into the apartment and that no crime had occurred.

Civil Matter 21-007972 226 Maple Avenue, West December 27 3:42 p.m.

An employee of the management company reported that a tenant who moved out of the building took some of their appliances. The former tenant advised that they did not know the appliances belonged to the management company.

Suspicious Event 21-007973 400 Block Old Courthouse Road, NE December 27 6:36 p.m.

A resident reported that when she returned home she found the front door was unsecured, a light was on in the home, and she thought she heard someone upstairs. She immediately exited the home and called for assistance. Officers searched the home and found no one inside and nothing that appeared to have been disturbed.

Police Service 21-007987 300 Block Arcadian Circle, SW December 28 9:01 a.m.

An officer checked on a citizen who was possibly being defrauded. The officer found that no crime had been committed.

#### **Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 21-008020**

#### Beulah Road and Maple Avenue, NE

**December 30 1:36 a.m.** 

An officer observed a vehicle driving recklessly and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, they detected signs of impairment. The driver failed a series of field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest.

Ofc. Armstrong arrested the 32-year-old man from Heartwood Circle in Derwood, Maryland. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Reckless Driving.

#### **Grand Larceny 22-000078**

100 Block Pleasant Street, NW

#### Between December 30 at 4:00 p.m. and January 4 at 8:00 a.m.

A contractor reported the theft of Freon lines and copper tubing from homes that are under construction.

#### Noise Violation 21-008040

200 Block Park Terrace Court, SE

#### Between December 30 at 5:00 p.m. and December 31 at 5:48 p.m.

A resident reported ongoing issues with two barking dogs. The officer was unable to contact the dogs' owner. ACO Barker will follow up on the complaint.

#### Arrest – Drunk In Public 21-008062

**Panera** 

136 Maple Avenue, West

**December 31 4:40 p.m.** 

An employee reported that a man locked himself in the restroom and was refusing to come out. When officers escorted the man out, they detected signs of impairment.

Ofc. Mayar arrested the 49-year-old man from Maryland Avenue in Crewe, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public.

# **Death – Unknown Cause 21-008065**

300 Block Glyndon Lane, SE

**December 31 7:11 p.m.** 

A resident reported that he found his girlfriend, who suffered from some medical issues, deceased in the residence. This case is under investigation.

Juvenile Case 22-000002 900 Block Ware Street, SW January 1 12:37 a.m.

Officers responded to the report of inebriated individuals leaving a party. Some of the individuals at the party were juveniles. The officers notified the parents of each of the juveniles, verbally counseled them about underage drinking, and released the juveniles to the custody of their parents.

Arrest – Juvenile Case 22-000025 Maple Avenue and Glyndon Street, NE January 2 1:22 a.m.

An officer observed a driver commit a traffic offense and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's interaction with the juvenile driver, he detected an odor of marijuana. The juvenile was in possession of marijuana, paraphernalia, and alcohol.

PFC McElhattan transported the juvenile to the Vienna Police Station and notified his parents. The juvenile was issued summonses charging Open Container of Marijuana While Operating a Vehicle, Underage Possession of Marijuana, Underage Possession of Alcohol, and two traffic violations. The juvenile was released to the custody of his parents.

Lost Property 22-000066 Vienna Fire Station 400 Center Street, South January 3 7:31 p.m.

A firefighter reported that one of the department radios was missing from the firehouse.

Domestic Dispute 22-000083 Hillcrest Drive, SW January 4 7:30 p.m.

Officers responded to a dispute between a resident and his parents.

# **CASE UPDATES**

None.

# **CRASHES**

### 1000 Block Maple Avenue, East 21-007760

#### December 19 11:20 p.m.

Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Texting While Driving.

#### **700 Block Nutley Street, SW 21-007853**

#### December 22 3:45 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling northbound on Nutley Street. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

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

#### **301 Maple Avenue, West 21-007969**

#### December 22 6:30 p.m.

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

#### 1000 Block Cottage Street, SW 21-007860

#### December 22 6:50 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on Cottage Street when it was struck by Vehicle-1. Driver-1 left the scene without providing their information.

# 400 Block Maple Avenue, East 21-007886

#### December 23 2:20 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was turning left out of a parking lot at 416 Maple Avenue to go eastbound. The two vehicles collided in the center turn lane.

Driver-1 was issued two summonses charging Failure to Yield Right of Way and No Driver's License.

# Tapawingo Road and Ware Street, SW 21-007916 December 24 1:00 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound on Tapawingo Road. Vehicle-1 was traveling northbound on Ware Street. Vehicle-1 entered the intersection without stopping and struck Vehicle-2. Driver-1 fled the scene without stopping.

#### **359 Maple Avenue, East 21-008017**

#### December 29 9:00 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was exiting the parking lot to turn left onto Branch Road when it struck Vehicle-2.

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

## Nutley Street and Maple Avenue, NW 21-008018 December 29 10:45 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue, turning left onto northbound Nutley Street. Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2 in the intersection.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Yield Right of Way.

## James Drive and Kelley Street, SW 21-008019 December 29 11:57 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling west on James Drive and attempted to turn right onto Kelley Street. The driver lost control and struck a stop sign.

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

# Courthouse Road and Ware Street, SW 21-008035 December 30 4:00 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling east on Courthouse Road. Vehicle-1 was turning left from Ware Street onto westbound Courthouse when they struck Vehicle-2.

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

# 1400 Block Cottage Street, SW 21-008059 December 31 2:29 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling northbound on Cottage Street when the left front tire came off the vehicle, bounced off the roadway, and struck Vehicle-2 which was parked in a private driveway.

# Maple Avenue and Lawyers Road, NW 22-000072 January 4 10:55 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was southbound on Lawyers, turning left onto eastbound Maple. Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Maple, turning left onto southbound Courthouse Road. The two vehicles collided in the intersection.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Yield Right of Way.

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 January 10th

- Start backfilling footings for community plaza (weather permitting)
- Install concrete subgrade at community plaza (weather permitting)
- Continue installing masonry at the west and south site walls (weather permitting)
- Continue MEP rough-in on the first and second floors
- Continue light gauge metal stud framing on the second floors
- Continue interior CMU masonry walls on the second floor
- Continue installation of the elevator

# Week of January 17th

- Install box culvert in the north parking area (weather permitting)
- Start installing windows on the exterior
- Continue MEP rough-in on the second floor
- Continue light gauge metal stud framing on the second floor
- Continue interior CMU masonry walls on the second floor
- Continue installation of the elevator

\*\*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 Warning: McAfee Scam Email

Detectives with the Vienna Police Department are investigating two separate scam incidents related to a "McAfee Antivirus" email. Detectives advised that the scam usually begins with an email that purports to be from McAfee informing citizens that they are being charged \$300 for "McAfee Total Protection anti-virus software" unless they cancel the order by calling a phone number provided in the email. If you call the number provided, you will be greeted by a scammer posing as a McAfee employee who will ask for personal information, including a bank account number supposedly to verify the account. After receiving the personal information, the scammer will request a wire transfer of funds which will be nearly impossible to reverse once it is completed. The Vienna Police Department provides the following guidelines for spotting and avoiding a "phishing" email:

- 1) Always check the sender's email. Phishing emails may look like they are from a legitimate company you trust. Most of the time, you can tell it is a phishing scam if the sender's email address consists of random numbers and letters. If you are unsure, research the email of the company.
- 2) Look for spelling and grammatical errors. Phishing emails tend to have multiple spelling and grammatical errors in them.
- 3) Phishing emails will attempt to trick you through a sense of urgency in order to click on a link or open an attachment. You can inspect the link by hovering the mouse over it without clicking on it—only open attachments from trusted and verified sources.
- 4) Phishing emails may trick you by saying:
  - a. They've noticed suspicious activity or login attempts
  - b. Claim there are account problems or problems with payment information
  - c. Ask to confirm personal information
  - d. Attach fake invoices
  - e. Provide a link to allow for a payment
  - f. Threaten to arrest
  - g. Offer money or free items

If you feel you have fallen victim to a phishing scam, please call the police non-emergency number, 703-255-6366, to report it. You can also report phishing emails to your email provider or the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) using their website. Useful links containing phishing email examples, how to avoid phishing emails, and FTC reporting procedures are attached below:

https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-recognize-and-avoid-phishing-scams

https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/topics/online-security

For further information please contact:

M.P.O. Juan Vazquez - Town of Vienna Police Department
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# Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release



(Pictured from Left to Right Captain Thomas Taylor, Captain Tu Farhan, Officer Christopher Garcia,
Officer Carrie Armstrong, Colonel James Morris, Officer Jason Carne, Officer Aimal Mayar, and Academy Instructor, MPO Michael Finelli)

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Officers Christopher Garcia, Carrie Armstrong, Jason Carne, and Aimal Mayar graduated from the 79<sup>th</sup> Session of the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy. Their graduation marks the culmination of a six-month training session in which newly hired police recruits receive training in all aspects of police procedures. The six-month basic recruit session is a non-residential training program consisting of over 920 hours of instruction. The curriculum includes but is not limited to 320 hours of academic studies, 94 hours of firearms training, 84 hours of emergency vehicle operation, 110 hours of physical training, and 130 hours of defensive tactics training.

The Criminal Justice Academy trains new and veteran officers from Vienna, Herndon, Fairfax County Police, the Sheriff's Office, and the Fairfax County Fire Marshal's office.

To attend the Academy and become a police officer, candidates must go through a rigorous application process which includes a thorough background check, medical examination, polygraph test, and various interviews. On average, only 2% of the people that apply to be a police officer make it through the hiring process and are invited to attend the basic recruit class.

Officers Garcia, Armstrong, Carne and Mayar will be assigned a Field Training Instructor (FTI) for the next twelve weeks. During the twelve weeks, the FTI will observe and guide the Officers' performance in officer safety, traffic enforcement, interaction with citizens, report writing, investigations of crimes, vehicular accidents, and many other aspects of law enforcement duties.

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