

VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

January 21, 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 January 14, 2022 to January 20, 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 <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 case of an emergency 9-1-1.

INCIDENTS

Vandalism 22-000458 Southside Park 1317 Ross Drive, SW

Between November 22 at 4:00 p.m. and January 18 at 3:30 p.m.

A Town employee reported that someone forced entry into one of the bathrooms causing damage to the door.

Fraud 21-007966 800 Block Plum Street, SW December 27 10:36 a.m.

A resident was defrauded of money when she responded to an email regarding a McAfee account and followed their instructions to wire money. The following day the resident received an email from someone claiming to be with the FBI advising her of an issue with her computer and instructing her to pay a fine to correct the matter.

Fraud 22-000365

400 Block Mill Street, SE

Between December 28 at 12:00 a.m. and January 13 at 12:00 a.m.

A resident reported that someone used her personal information to open a Macy's credit account and made purchases.

Police Service 22-000333 600 Block Spring Street, SE January 14 2:56 p.m.

A resident attempted to open a bank account. The bank instructed him to provide a tax EIN for the account. The resident accessed an IRS website via his cell phone and entered his personal information before he realized the website was fraudulent.

Police Service 22-000361 McDonald's 280 Cedar Lane, SE January 15 5:24 p.m.

A citizen advised that she suffered domestic abuse from her husband in another state and that she is on the run from him. The citizen was offered assistance and services.

Assault 22-000375 400 Block Nutley Street, NW January 16 2:15 a.m.

Officers responded to the report of an assault. It was determined that two cousins got into a physical altercation. One of the men had minor injuries and refused rescue. Both parties were advised of the warrant process should they wish to pursue charges.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 22-000376 600 Block Marshall Road, SW January 16 7:34 a.m.

A resident reported an intoxicated man near the swim club. Officers located the man, and upon their interaction with him, detected signs of impairment.

Ofc. Mayar arrested the 47-year-old man from Lee Highway in Falls Church, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Drunk In Public.

Animal Case – Quarantine 22-000463 700 Block Frederick Street, SW January 16 11:00 a.m.

The health department reported that a resident was bitten by his dog on January 16. The owner was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

Found Property 22-000460 Glyndon Street and Tapawingo Road, SE January 16 1:38 p.m. A citizen found a key in the area.

Residential Alarm 22-000394 700 Block Nutley Street, SW January 17 12:47 p.m.

Officers responding to a residential alarm found an unsecured door. The residence was searched and nothing appeared to have been disturbed. The homeowner was notified and returned home to secure the door.

Police Service 22-000428 400 Block Pine Street, SE January 18 3:47 p.m.

A therapist reported that her patient was having suicidal thoughts and requested that an officer transport him to a mental health facility. When the officers spoke to the patient they found that he was not suicidal and did not appear to be a threat to himself or others. The man did not wish to go to a medical facility. Officers provided the man with information if he needs further assistance.

Fraud 22-000457 200 Block Walnut Lane, NW January 19 12:33 p.m.

A resident received an email that appeared to come from Norton Life Lock showing charges to their account. The resident called the number listed in the email to discuss the charges. After following the caller's direction, the resident was defrauded of money from his bank account.

Suspicious Event 22-000498 Alma Color Salon 512 Maple Avenue, West November 4 12:00 p.m.

An employee reported that her business purchased a vehicle through Facebook from a man in Florida. The man transported the vehicle to Virginia and provided a bill of sale, however, he did not provide the vehicle title to the employee. An officer spoke to the man who advised he would send the title to the employee.

Arrest – Narcotics Violation 22-000513 200 Block Nutley Street, NW January 20 9:59 p.m.

An officer observed an occupied vehicle parked in the Elks Lodge parking lot. Upon his interaction with the occupants, the officer detected an odor of marijuana. One of the occupants was in possession of the drug.

Ofc. Garcia issued a summons to the 18-year-old woman from Weisiger Lane in Oakton, Virginia charging Underage Possession of Marijuana. The woman was released on her signature.

CASE UPDATES

None.

<u>CRASHES</u>

215 Maple Avenue, West 22-000426 January 14 11:45 a.m.

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

140 Church Street, NW 22-000331 January 14 1:56 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound on Church Street. Vehicle-1 was exiting a parking lot onto Church Street when the two vehicles collided.

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

800 Block Maple Avenue, East 22-000383 January 16 11:43 a.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound on Maple Avenue in adjacent lanes. Vehicle-1 attempted to change lanes and struck Vehicle-2.

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

359 Maple Avenue, East 22-000385

January 15 7:26 a.m.

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

200 Block Maple Avenue, West 22-000387 January 16 5:16 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound in the right lane on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound in the left lane. Driver-1 attempted to make an improper right turn into a parking lot, causing the two vehicles to collide.

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

Manvell Road near Glyndon Street, SE 22-000388 January 16 7:52 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on the roadway. Vehicle-1, a Town of Vienna snow plow truck, was backing up in the cul-de-sac when they struck Vehicle-2 causing minor damage.

Beulah Road and Church Street, NE 22-000430 January 18 5:30 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was eastbound on Church Street, entering the intersection of Beulah Road with a green traffic signal. Vehicle-1 was traveling southbound on Beulah Road, disregarded the red traffic signal, and struck Vehicle-2.

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

500 Block Mill Street, NE 22-000464 January 19 3:42 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Mill Street, NE. Vehicle-1 was backing out of a parking space on Mill Street when the two vehicles collided.

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

600 Block Tapawingo Road, SW 22-000500 January 20 2:52 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Tapawingo Road when it struck Vehicle-2, a legally parked vehicle.

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

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

<u>CITIZEN NOTES</u>



Week of January 24th

- Continue installing box culvert in the south parking area
- Continue backfilling footings for the community plaza (weather permitting)
- Install concrete subgrade at the community plaza (weather permitting)
- Continue installing masonry at the west and south site walls (weather permitting)
- Continue installing curtain wall/windows on the exterior
- Continue MEP rough-in on the first and second floor
- Continue light gauge metal stud framing on the second floor
- Start pre-rock drywall on the basement level
- Continue interior CMU masonry walls on the second floor
- Complete installing first phase of the elevator
- Start installing CMU around elevator frames
- Continue waterproofing the plaza seat walls (weather permitting)

Week of January 31st

- Continue installing box culvert in the south parking area
- Continue installing curtain wall/windows on the exterior
- Continue MEP rough-in on the second floor
- Start pre-rock drywall on the basement level
- Continue light gauge metal stud framing on the second floor
- Complete interior CMU masonry walls on the second floor
- Continue installation CMU around elevator Frames

Community Construction Meeting January 24, 2022 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. held at the Vienna Police Department located at 301 Center Street, South, Vienna, VA 22180

**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.



Vienna Police Department

FOR PUBLIC DISSEMINATION

BURGLARY

These two suspects were involved in a burglary and unlawful entry that occurred in the 200 block of Dominion Road NE on December 26, 2021.



If you recognize these suspects or have any information, please contact Det. Marcos Herrera, Marcos.Herrera@viennava.gov, (703) 255-7821, reference case number 2021-7988

Detective M.A. Herrera #118 215 Center Street South, Vienna VA 22180 Marcos.Herrera@Viennava.gov (703) 255 - 7821

January 18, 2022



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 juan.vazquez@viennava.gov or 703-255-7845



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