

VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

March 25, 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

March 18, 2022 to March 24, 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 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 case of an emergency 9-1-1.

INCIDENTS

Arrest – Domestic Assault 22-002165 Lincoln Street, NW March 6 1:00 a.m.

Officers responded to the report of a domestic assault at the residence, where a man returned home and got into a verbal dispute with his sister. The dispute escalated when he physically assaulted his sister, causing minor injuries. When another family member attempted to intervene, the man attacked him and fled the home before officers arrived. An officer immediately obtained a misdemeanor warrant charging Domestic Assault and an Emergency Protective Order for the man.

On March 20, the man was arrested on an unrelated charge. Ofc. Armstrong responded to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where she served the warrant on the 35-year-old man.

Vandalism 22-002616 100 Block Center Street, South Between March 9 at 6:00 p.m. and March 11 at 8:00 p.m.

A resident reported that his garage door was damaged.

Suspicious Event 22-002683 1200 Block Kelley Street, SW

Between March 14 at 3:20 p.m. and March 21 at 12:54 p.m.

A resident was concerned that his juvenile daughter might be communicating with an older man online. After reviewing the juvenile's correspondence, an officer determined that no crime had occurred.

Telephone Case 22-002651

Wawa

465 Maple Avenue, West

Between March 18 at 12:00 a.m. and March 20 at 12:00 a.m.

Employees received multiple annoying phone calls from juveniles who were using obscene language and yelling random statements.

Grand Larceny 22-002614 Virginia ABC Store 419 Maple Avenue, East

March 18 between 10:19 a.m. and 10:25 a.m.

A citizen reported that her work laptop was taken from her unlocked vehicle while she was inside the store. She advised that when she returned to her vehicle, the laptop was missing and a bag containing bottles of liquor was left on the floor. Officers contacted the man who purchased the liquor found in the vehicle. It was determined that the elderly man accidentally got into the citizen's vehicle, thinking it was his vehicle. When he realized his mistake he took her laptop bag instead of his ABC bag. The computer was immediately returned and the citizen did not wish to pursue any charges.

Fraud 22-002652

200 Block Locust Street, SE

Between March 18 at 8:00 p.m. and March 20 at 3:55 a.m.

A resident reported that someone used her credit card account to make several unauthorized purchases.

Natural Death 22-002628

Upham Place, NW

March 19 7:20 a.m.

Officers responded to a residence to assist rescue personnel with an unresponsive man. After performing CPR, rescue personnel determined that the man, who was terminally ill and under Hospice care, was deceased.

Suspicious Event 22-002638

Maple Avenue and Park Street, SE

March 19 8:20 p.m.

A resident reported that she was sitting in front of Lily's Chocolate & Coffee when someone sitting in a van at the stoplight yelled a racial slur at her.

Suspicious Event 22-2640

Wesley Methodist Church

711 Spring Street, SE

March 19 10:29 p.m.

An officer observed the Church's bus parked in the lot with damage to a window and the fender. It is not known if the damage is the result of accidental damage or vandalism.

Vandalism 22-002702

200 Cedar Lane, SE

Between March 19 at 11:00 p.m. and March 21 at 5:20 p.m.

A resident reported that someone spilled white paint on her vehicle.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated and Accident 22-002656 James Madison Shell 545 Maple Avenue, West March 20 4:41 p.m.

Officers responded to the Shell Station for the report of a one-vehicle accident. The vehicle went up onto a median in the parking lot and struck a utility pole, causing both front airbags to deploy. The driver left the engine on and the vehicle gear in drive when he exited the vehicle and walked to the 7-11 next door. Officers immediately located the driver and, upon their interaction with him, detected signs of impairment. The driver failed to complete a series of field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest.

Ofc. Lichtenberg transported the 35-year-old man from Lincoln Street, NW in Vienna to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

Trespassing 22-002657 Wawa 465 Maple Avenue, West March 20 6:15 p.m.

An employee reported that a man was in the store who had a history of stealing from them. The employee requested an officer to assist them in trespassing the man from the premises. The man left the store before officers arrived but was quickly located by an officer who advised him that he may be charged with trespass if he returned to the store.

Suspicious Event 22-002659 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE March 20 6:40 p.m.

A resident reported that she and her ex-husband share custody of their teenage child. Her husband came to her residence, took the child home with him, and she was concerned that he would not return her in time for school the following day.

Assist EMS 22-002658 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE March 20 7:35 p.m.

Officers responded to assist rescue personnel with a resident who was intoxicated in her home and stated that she needed help. The resident was transported to an area hospital for treatment.

Suspicious Event 22-002661 500 Block Windover Avenue, NW March 20 8:00 p.m.

A resident heard a loud noise coming from his front door. When he reviewed his security camera, he observed four people, possibly teenage juveniles, standing at the end of his driveway taking photos of his house. It appeared that one of them went to the front door and pulled on the door handle.

Arrest – Trespassing 22-002670 Southside Park 1317 Ross Drive, SW March 21 3:24 a.m.

An officer observed a vehicle drive into the park after hours. Sgt. Ruddy issued summonses to the driver, a 20-year-old man from Clearfield Road in Silver Spring, Maryland, charging Trespassing in the Park After Dark in addition to two traffic violations. The man was released on his signature.

Fraud 22-002691

100 Block Casmar Street, SE

March 21 between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

A resident received a phone call from someone claiming to be with Dominion Power and threatening to turn off their services to her home if she did not make an immediate payment. The caller convinced the resident to go to the store, purchase money cards, and provide them with the card information. The money card information was provided to the caller before the woman realized the call was a scam.

Fraud 22-002706 200 Block Talahi Road, SE March 21 6:29 p.m.

A resident received two notifications that someone was using his personal information to open credit accounts.

Domestic Dispute 22-002709 Cottage Street, SW March 21 9:01 p.m.

Officers responded to a verbal dispute between a resident and his wife.

Vehicle Tampering 22-002740 600 Block Tazewell Road, NW March 22 3:31 p.m.

A resident reported that someone tampered with the gas cap on his vehicle.

Domestic Dispute 22-002743 Frederick Street, SW March 22 5:08 p.m.

A resident reported that he and his wife are in the process of divorce. When he returned home from work, he found that his wife changed the combination to the front door lock. The wife provided the resident with the lock combination. No further assistance was needed.

Fraud 22-002744

400 Block Upham Place, NW

March 22 5:55 p.m.

A resident reported that someone used his personal information in an attempt to open several credit accounts.

Trespassing 22-002747 Lewis Street, NW March 22 10:53 p.m.

A resident was away from his home when he observed a man on the security camera banging on the door. The resident's wife reported that she knew the man and that she had been involved in a physical altercation with him earlier in the day at her home in Fairfax County. At the request of the resident, the man was trespassed from the property. He was advised that he would be arrested if he returned to the residence.

Grand Larceny 22-002779 Giant Food 359 Maple Avenue, East March 23 9:52 a.m.

A citizen reported that she left her cell phone on the checkout register. When she returned for it a few minutes later, the phone was gone.

Suspicious Event 22-002769 Sunoco 102 Maple Avenue, West March 23 5:30 p.m.

An employee reported man came into the station acting agitated and attempted to access the garage. The employee advised they had similar incidents involving the man in recent weeks.

CASE UPDATES

None.

CRASHES

Nutley Street and Tapawingo Road, SW 22-002623 March 18 8:30 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was on Nutley Street, stopped for the red traffic light at Tapawingo Road. Vehicle-1 ran into Vehicle-2. Driver-1 fled the scene eastbound on Tapawingo. It was determined that Vehicle-1 was reported as stolen in Fairfax County. Fairfax County later recovered the vehicle, unoccupied, with front-end damage.

Maple Avenue and Mill Street, NE 22-002655 March 20 4:25 p.m.

Vehicle-1 (a motorcycle) was traveling westbound in the left lane of Maple Avenue passing the intersection of Mill Street when the driver attempted to brake too sharply, lost control of the motorcycle, and laid it down.

300 Block Maple Avenue, West 22-002763 March 23 12:30 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was exiting the parking lot of 348 Maple Avenue, West, turning left to go westbound when it was struck by Vehicle-1. Driver-1 left the scene without stopping to provide their information.

300 Block Maple Avenue, West 22-002764 March 23 1:30 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound in the left lane of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound in the center turn lane, attempted to enter the left lane, and struck Vehicle-2 causing minor damage to both vehicles.

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 Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov or 703-255-6324.

CITIZEN NOTES



Week of March 28th

- Complete concrete sub-base in the plaza and south entrance
- Start brick pavers in the plaza area
- Install cast stone on perimeter walls
- Start prime and paint drywall on the first floor
- Complete MEP/insulation wall close-in inspections on the second floor
- Complete installing glass on exterior windows/curtain wall system
- Complete installing glass on curtain wall in the community plaza
- Close in inspection second floor
- Complete installation fiber cement siding
- Complete build-out of fire range area
- Hydro inspection on the first floor
- Complete CMU on plaza seat walls

Week of April 4th

- Start demo and pour curb & gutter on Center Street and Locust Street
- Install new entrance on the Bowmen House parking lot
- Install decorative fencing on the site walls
- Continue installing brick pavers on the plaza area
- Complete installing glass on exterior windows/curtain wall
- Continue exterior caulking
- Start hanging drywall on the second floor
- Complete second coat in the basement level
- Complete MEP_FP rough-in second level
- Complete cast stone on the screen wall

**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

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

Saturday, April 30, 2022 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 April 30, 2022, between 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 is Epipens).

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:

MPO Juan Vazquez - Town of Vienna Police Department
Juan.vazquez@viennava.gov or 703-255-7845



Vienna Police Department INFORMATION BULLETIN

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.







Suspect 2

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:

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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