



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

September 9, 2011

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 2, 2011 – September 8, 2011. 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 MPO Bill Murray for further information at wmurray@viennava.gov)

INCIDENTS

**Bad Check 11-14768
Michel Rene
145 Maple Avenue, SE
June 29 9:04 a.m.**

An employee reported that a customer came to the shop and received some goods and services. The customer then paid using a personal check.

The check was returned by the bank as unpayable and attempts to contact the writer have been fruitless.

This case is still being investigated.

Obtain Money by False Pretense 11-14981

1100 Block Fairway Drive, NE

August 25 12:00 p.m.

A citizen reported that a construction company had posted a flyer on his door. The flyer stated that the company (Sagres Construction Corporation) was “working with the Town of Vienna” to repair driveways and that they were looking for additional customers.

The citizen contacted the individual listed on the flyer and agreed to a price for demolition and repaving of a driveway. The individual then had the citizen write him a check for half of the contract price. The individual asked for the citizen to write the check to him personally instead of to his company.

After several days the citizen attempted to contact the subject with no results. MPO Evans contacted Sagres Construction Corporation and they reported that had never heard of the individual that represented himself as an employee.

This case is still being investigated.

Grand Larceny 11-14779

Sheets Wholesale

430 Mill Street, NE

August 26 10:30 a.m.

An employee reported that a subject purporting himself to be an employee of a construction company picked up some supplies and equipment. The subject then told the cashier to charge the merchandise to the construction company and used a purchase order number.

It was later discovered that the individual did not work for the company.

This case is still being investigated.

Suspicious Event 11-14897

300 Block Nutley Street, SW

September 4 11:45 a.m.

A citizen reported that his daughter and son in law had left their children at their home several days ago. The two had not yet returned to retrieve the kids.

Fairfax County Child Protective Services was contacted and is following up on this case.

Grand Larceny 11-14745

800 Block Plum Street, SW

Between August 31 at 1:00 p.m. and September 1 at 6:30 p.m.

A citizen reported that an unsecured skateboard and helmet were stolen from his yard.

Suspicious Event/ Debit Card Fraud 11-14988

600 Block Meadow Lane, SW

September 1 10:25 a.m.

A citizen reported that he discovered several unauthorized debits on his bank statement. The debits occurred at his last place of residence in Georgia so he was advised to contact law enforcement officials in that area as well.

Credit Card Fraud 11-14791

800 Block Glyndon Street, SE

September 1 5:00 p.m.

A citizen reported that she was reviewing her credit card statement and discovered several unauthorized purchases.

This case is still being investigated.

Vandalism 11-14786

Vienna Floors

208 Dominion Road, NE

Between September 1 at 5:30 p.m. and September 2 at 8:00 a.m.

An employee reported that during the listed dates and times unknown subjects spray painted graffiti on the side of his building.

Suspicious Event 11-14790

100 Block Melody Lane, SE

Between September 1 at 7:00 p.m. and September 2 at 1:48 p.m.

A husband and wife reported that they were receiving harassing text messages from a subject.

Stolen Vehicle 11-14803

200 Block Commons Drive, NW

September 2 between 6:45 a.m. and 9:55 a.m.

A citizen reported that during the listed times his vehicle was stolen from a parking space in front of his home.

The vehicle is described as a 1997 Black Honda Civic.

Case Update- The vehicle was recovered on September 8th in Prince Georges County, Maryland.

Animal Case 11-14765

Northside Park

600 Mill Street, NE

September 2 8:18 a.m.

MPO Shaver responded for a sick fox. Due to its grave condition the fox was euthanized using his service weapon.

Suspicious Event 11-14772

Vienna Drug Center

150 Maple Avenue, SW

September 2 9:00 a.m.

An employee reported that a coworker is verbally harassing her.

The civil implications as well as any potential criminal aspects of the case were discussed with the complainant.

Suspicious Event 11-14977

200 Block Mill Street, NE

September 2 3:00 p.m.

An employee of a business reported that someone attempted to cash a check reportedly issued by his business, at a bank in North Carolina. The complainant reported that the business did not write the check and is unsure how the check was obtained.

Suspicious Event/ Petit Larceny 11-14801

100 Block Melody Lane, SE

September 2 4:16 p.m.

A citizen reported that she had asked a neighbor to hold on to some prescription medication as a favor. When the complainant attempted to retrieve the medication the neighbor was unable to return it.

This case is still being investigated.

Grand Larceny 11-14794

Tunay's Tailoring

421 Church Street, NE

September 2 5:00 p.m.

A citizen reported that he dropped off a coat for tailoring on August 24th. When he returned on September 2nd to retrieve the coat he learned that the business had closed down.

MPO Shaver was able to contact the former business owner and they stated they would return the coat to the customer.

Assault 11-14812

200 Block Maple Avenue, NW

August 2 8:21 p.m.

A citizen reported that he was assaulted by his former girlfriend. He reported that the woman chased him around a parking area with her vehicle then exited the car to chase him on foot.

The complainant attempted to defend himself and the woman fell to the ground sustaining minor injuries. The ex- girlfriend had a different account as to what transpired.

The woman was transported to an area hospital by Fairfax County EMS.

Both parties were advised regarding the warrant obtainment process.

Suspicious Person 11-14817

400 Block Courthouse Road, SW

September 2 10:27 p.m.

A citizen called to report two unknown male subjects that were outside her home. The complainant stated that one of the men called her names.

The responding officers found no indications that anyone was around the home.

Arrest- Drunk in Public 11-14828

Neighbor's Restaurant

262 Cedar Lane, SE

September 3 1:35 a.m.

A citizen reported that he had been assaulted by his ex-girlfriend.

MPO Shaw's investigation revealed that there was an altercation involving the two parties. It is unclear exactly what transpired.

After additional investigation MPO Shaw arrested 21 year old Fahoul Hamideh of Yellowwood Court in Reston, Virginia for Drunk in Public. She was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

The complainant refused to prosecute her for the assault.

Arrest- Driving While Intoxicated 11-14829

1000 Block Mountfort Court, SW

September 3 2:17 a.m.

Sergeant Taylor conducted a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the driver he observed signs of possible impairment.

After attempting to complete several field sobriety tests the driver, 22 year old Samantha Irene Gillis of Ayreshire Road in Oakton, Virginia was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. She was then transported to Vienna Police Headquarters for analysis of her breath.

After the analysis Ms. Gillis was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Death Case 11-14835

400 Block Echols Street, SE

September 3 6:00 a.m.

An elderly female was found to be deceased inside her home. There did not appear to be any signs of foul play but a detective will follow up on this case.

Commercial Alarm 11-14837

130 Park Street, SE

September 3 8:35 a.m.

Officer Myers responded for a commercial intrusion alarm. Upon his arrival he discovered an individual inside the business.

After a brief investigation he learned that the individual was permitted inside the business and had set off the alarm by accident.

Grand Larceny 11-14892

Giant Food

359 Maple Avenue, East

September 3 between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

A citizen reported that 3 unlocked bicycles were stolen from the sidewalk area in front of the store.

Grand Larceny 11-15010

600 Block Ware Street, SW

Between September 3 and September 6, 2011

An employee reported that a Bobcat loader was stolen from a job site during the listed dates.

This case is still being investigated.

Petit Larceny 11-14943

100 Block Church Street, NW

September 3 between 6:00 p.m. and 10:10 p.m.

A citizen reported that during the listed times unknown subjects stole an unlocked bicycle.

Arrest- Possession of Marijuana 11-14881

Chain Bridge Road at Flint Hill Road

September 4 1:06 a.m.

Sergeant Taylor conducted a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the occupants of the vehicle he detected the presence of suspected marijuana.

After some additional investigation the marijuana was discovered. The passenger, 19 year old David Philip Brown of Lakevale Drive in Vienna was issued a summons for Possession of Marijuana. He was released after signing the summons.

Animal Case 11-14887

Vienna Police Headquarters

215 Center Street, South

September 4 8:18 a.m.

A citizen brought a stray husky type dog to Vienna Police Headquarters. The dog was found wandering alone on the W. and O.D. Trail.

The animal was transported to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter to await retrieval by its owner.

Grand Larceny 11-14941

900 Block Hillcrest Drive, SW

Between September 4 9:00 p.m. and September 5 at 1:00 p.m.

A citizen reported that during the listed times unknown subjects stole an unlocked bicycle from their property.

Civil Case 11-14935

9600 Block Counsellor Drive, NW

September 5 9:51 a.m.

PFC Ruddy responded for two parents having a dispute over the interpretation of a child custody agreement.

The agreement stated that one parent had custody during the summer months and the other during the school year. As the day in question was the eve of the school year beginning the two were arguing about who should have the child.

PFC Ruddy resolved the issue and the child stayed with the mother for the evening.

Scam- Telephone Case 11-14938
900 Block Westwood Drive, NE
September 5 11:09 a.m.

A citizen reported that a caller stated she had won some money but needed to pay forth some money to a third party to “show she is responsible”.

The complainant correctly identified this as some type of scam and hung up. The caller continues to call the house.

This case is still being investigated.

Scam- Fraud Attempt 11-14971
100 Block Glyndon Street, SE
September 6 10:08 a.m.

An employee at a bakery reported that an individual placed an order over the telephone using a translation system. The customer then asked the employee to add a large sum of money to the account order and then wire the extra cash to him.

The employee correctly assumed this was a scam and that the translation service was used to further disguise the identity and whereabouts of the caller.

This case is still being investigated.

**Arrests- Driving While Intoxicated, Refusal to Submit to a Breath Test, Resisting Arrest,
Driving on a Suspended License 11-14998**

Maple Avenue at Nutley Street, NW

September 7 3:40 a.m.

MPO Sheeran conducted a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the driver he observed signs of possible impairment. During the stop the vehicle rolled back towards MPO Sheeran's cruiser on several occasions so he had the driver shut the vehicle off and exit.

During the subsequent interaction the driver fled on foot from MPO Sheeran, ran towards James Madison Drive, and then jumped a fence.

Through investigation officers learned that the truck's registration returned to a Glengyle Drive address and that the driver was operating a vehicle while his license was suspended. A Fairfax County Police officer responded to assist in the investigation as the Glengyle Drive address is outside the Town limits.

A short time later the driver, 18 year old Ronald Sean Whalen of Lees Corner Road in Chantilly, Virginia was observed on foot entering a home on Glengyle Drive and contact was made. Mr. Whalen then assaulted the Fairfax County officer but was eventually taken into custody with the assistance of Sergeant Juelharte, MPO Lewis and MPO Seitz. He was then transported to Vienna Police Headquarters for analysis of his breath.

Mr. Whalen refused to submit a breath sample and was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. There, he was formally charged with Driving While Intoxicated, Resisting Arrest, Refusal to Submit to a Breath Test, and Driving on a Suspended Operator's License. He was held without bond.

The assisting Fairfax County officer also charged Mr. Whalen with Assault on a Police Officer and Resisting Arrest.

Juvenile Case 11-15028

400 Block Yeonas Drive, SW

September 7 4:37 p.m.

An alert citizen reported a lost 5 year old girl that was found near her home.

MPO Shaver and Officer Myers were able to determine the girl's home and return her.

Further investigation revealed that the child's grandmother was walking with the girl and she ran away from her and got lost.

Arrest- Drunk in Public 11-15031

800 Block Follin Lane, SE

September 7 6:06 p.m.

An alert citizen reported two suspicious individuals on the W. and O.D. Trail. Officer Vazquez located the subjects and after a brief investigation arrested 46 year old Ana Delia Amaya- Trejo of Tapawingo Road in Vienna for Drunk in Public. Her companion was identified and then released.

Ms. Amaya- Trejo was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Trespassing 11-15056

Giant Food

359 Maple Avenue, SE

September 8 1:17 p.m.

Officer Kiley responded for a subject that was harassing customers. Upon his arrival he located the individual and identified her.

A warrant check was negative and she was told to leave the property by store officials.

Animal Case 11-15057

400 Block Berry Street, SE

September 8 1:40 p.m.

A citizen reported that her dog is frequently escaping from her yard. She suspects that someone is opening her gate to allow the dog to leave.

Civil Complaint 11-15062

200 Block Maple Avenue, West

September 8 4:37 p.m.

A citizen reported that after he hired two laborers to do some work, he paid them what he thought was a fair amount of money; \$25.00 for 4 hours of work. The complainant then attempted to return the laborers and drop the men off but they refused to exit his vehicle, saying he did not pay them enough money.

Further investigation revealed that the complainant had driven off after discussing the money issue and when one of the subjects tried to call 9-1-1, he threw their phone out of the window.

The civil and criminal implications of these events were discussed with all parties.

CRASHES

Maple Avenue at Branch Road, SE 11-14604

August 30 6:13 p.m.

One vehicle was in the left turn holding lane of Maple Avenue at Branch Road. A second vehicle attempted to merge to the left from the travel lane and into the turn lane. This vehicle struck the first vehicle while changing lanes.

The driver of the merging vehicle was charged with Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

Maple Avenue at Park Street, NW 11-14717

September 1 1:10 p.m.

One vehicle was proceeding northbound on Pleasant Street crossing over Maple Avenue. A second vehicle was turning left from southbound Pleasant Street on to Maple Avenue. While turning, the second vehicle was struck.

The driver of the turning vehicle was charged with Failure to Yield the Right of Way.

Lawyers Road at Malcolm Road, NW 11-14807

September 2 6:43 p.m.

As one vehicle was turning left from Malcolm Road on to Lawyers Road it struck a second vehicle that was traveling along Lawyers Road.

Nutley Street near Courthouse Road, SW 11-14808

September 2 6:54 p.m.

As one vehicle traveling along Nutley Street slowed to stop for traffic, it was struck in the rear by a second vehicle.

The driver of the striking vehicle was charged with Following Too Closely.

Maple Avenue at Park Street, SE 11-14821

September 2 11:50 p.m.

Two side by side vehicles were traveling along eastbound Maple Avenue. The vehicle in the left travel lane made a quick right hand turn and struck the other vehicle.

The driver of the turning vehicle was charged with Improper Lane Change.

MEDIA RELEASES

None.

CASE UPDATES

None.

OF INTEREST/ CITIZEN NOTES

The Town of Vienna proper did not experience any significant police related issues with regard to the rainfall.

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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.

Please call and report!

See or Hear Something? Say Something! - Dial 9-1-1

Please contact MPO Bill Murray for further information on any of these cases at wmurray@viennava.gov or 703-255-6396.