



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

October 28, 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 October 21, 2011 – October 27, 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 11-17527
Vienna Volunteer Fire Department
400 Center Street, South
September 4 7:00 p.m.**

A volunteer at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department reported that he accepted a check as payment from a player during the weekly Bingo game. When he tried to cash the check he learned that the account had been closed.

This case is still being investigated.

Credit Card Fraud 11-17351

100 Block Follin Lane, SE

Between October 4 at 12:00 p.m. and October 5 at 6:00 p.m.

A citizen reported that she received a Best Buy credit card statement with unauthorized charges and a letter from JC Penney asking if she wanted to continue obtaining a line of credit. The complainant does not have an account at Best Buy nor did she apply for credit at JC Penney.

This case is still being investigated.

Check Fraud 11-17272

Vienna Nail and Spa

108 Lawyers Road, NW

October 19 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

An employee reported that a customer paid for some services using checks. The individual was unable to provide identification upon uttering the checks but they were accepted anyway.

Upon trying to cash the checks the complainant learned that they were fraudulent.

This case is still being investigated.

Arrest- Driving on a Suspended Operator's License 11-17321

900 Block Maple Avenue, NE

October 21 9:50 a.m.

MPO Seitz conducted a traffic stop for a speeding violation. After checking the driver's status through the Virginia DMV he learned that the driver was operating a vehicle while her privilege to drive was suspended.

The woman was cited for Speeding and Driving on a Suspended Operator's License. She was released after signing both summonses and her vehicle was moved into a parking lot area.

A short time later MPO Seitz observed the same driver operating the same vehicle on Maple Avenue. MPO Seitz executed another traffic stop and the driver, 27 year old Sharmishta Vasanth Kumar of Vale Road in Vienna, was arrested for Driving on a Suspended Operator's License and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Medical Call/ Domestic Dispute 11-17329

600 Block Thelma Circle, SW

October 21 12:20 p.m.

A mother reported that her adult daughter was being argumentative and had threatened to harm herself.

MPO Lewis and MPO Sheeran determined that the daughter simply wanted a ride to a doctor's appointment. The parents agreed to transport the daughter to her appointment.

Suspicious Event 11-17441

First Baptist Church

541 Marshall Road, SW

Between October 21 and October 24, 2011

An employee reported that during the listed dates unknown subjects opened a locked container and played with some toys on the playground. The toys were then left strewn about. A second container was shaken and the items inside fell off of their shelves. No property damage was reported.

Suspicious Person 11-17336

Jade Shopping Center

300 Block Maple Avenue, SW

October 21 4:32 p.m.

A citizen reported a suspicious woman that was asking customers for money. As MPO Sheeran approached, the individual fled in a van.

MPO Sheeran stopped the van and identified all occupants inside the vehicle. There was a severe language barrier and it is unclear exactly what the three subjects were actually doing. After checking for outstanding warrants all parties were counseled regarding solicitation ordinances in Vienna and released.

Civil Complaint 11-17383

900 Block Olympian Circle, SW

October 22 2:57 p.m.

A former tenant reported that his landlord had locked him out of his former house. The complainant reported that he still needed to retrieve some of his belongings.

MPO Sheeran contacted the landlord and arranged an agreeable solution for both parties.

Petit Larceny 11-17393

Waters Field

300 Center Street, SE

October 22 7:00 p.m.

A juvenile reported that he leaned his skateboard up against a fence and left it unattended and unsecured. Upon returning a few minutes later it was gone.

Animal Case 11-17398

900 Block Plum Street, SW

October 22 11:37 p.m.

A citizen reported that a stray kitten had been frequenting her yard. The cat was captured transported to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

Suspicious Event 11-17415
Malcolm Road at Orchard Street, NW
October 23 6:29 p.m.

A juvenile jogger and her mother reported that an unknown male in a silver mini-van waved at the daughter. The van then slowed and the driver attempted to speak with the girl. The girl sped up and ran to safety by cutting through yards.

The driver is described as a light skinned black or Hispanic male, 40-45 years of age with short hair, thin build and an “aged” face.

Recovered Stolen Vehicle 11-17436
300 Block Center Street, North
October 24 5:51 a.m.

MPO Evans located a vehicle that had been previously reported as stolen from Fairfax County.

The vehicle was subsequently released to its owner who had responded to the scene of the recovery.

Juvenile Case 11-17462
400 Block Maple Avenue, West
October 24 3:55 p.m.

An alert citizen reported an unattended child that appeared to be upset.

Officer Kiley’s investigation determined that the 12 year boy old had wandered away from his mother while she was stopped at James Madison High School. The boy stated that he was angry with his siblings.

The boy’s mother arrived a short time later and the two were reunited. Officer Kiley counseled the youth on the dangers of his actions.

Police Service 11-17463
500 Block Center Street, South
October 24 4:20 p.m.

A daughter reported that she was fearful that her father might harm himself.

Officer Kiley spoke with all involved family members and a successful resolution was reached.

Police Service- Welfare Check 11-17518

200 Block Park Terrace, SE

October 25 12:36 p.m.

MPO Shaver responded to check on the welfare of a resident after an alert mailman noticed that the resident had not retrieved the mail for several days.

An unlocked door was discovered and an interior search yielded nothing unusual. The apartment was found to be unoccupied.

Arrest- Prescription Fraud 11-17536

Vienna Drug Center

150 Maple Avenue, West

October 25 4:57 p.m.

An alert employee reported that a woman was in the store attempting to pass a fraudulent prescription.

Officer Myers located the suspect and after a brief investigation arrested her for Prescription Fraud. 25 year old Shannon Lanelle Jones of Yoakum Parkway in Alexandria, Virginia was then transported to Vienna Police Headquarters. Additional investigation determined that Ms. Jones was also wanted based upon an outstanding warrant from Montgomery County, Maryland.

She was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and held on a \$1500.00 bond.

Domestic Dispute 11-17540

300 Block Jade Court, NW

October 25 7:57 p.m.

A citizen reported a domestic dispute between a husband and wife. Officer Lyons' discussion with the wife revealed that the husband had slapped her on the back of the head.

The husband reported a different version of the events. He stated that no physical assault ever occurred.

The wife left the home for the evening along with her daughter. The warrant obtainment process was explained to the wife.

Residential Alarm/ Open Door 11-17542

200 Block West Street, NW

October 25 8:16 p.m.

Officer Vazquez responded for a residential intrusion alarm. Upon his arrival he found an open door.

An interior search of the home yielded nothing unusual and the homeowner soon arrived at the address.

Found Property 11-17586

Maple Avenue at Beulah Road, NE

October 26 7:59 p.m.

While working a traffic post at the Vienna Halloween Parade, Lieutenant Forges was given a found purse.

Through investigation he was able to determine the owner of the purse, make contact with her, and return it.

Domestic Dispute 11-17587

1100 Block Hillcrest Drive, SW

October 26 8:48 p.m.

Police responded after receiving a 9-1-1 call regarding a wife and husband arguing. The wife had come home intoxicated and the husband was upset with her.

MPO Evans investigated and restored order to the home.

Civil Complaint 11-17608

100 Block Oakmont Court, NE

October 27 2:42 p.m.

A husband returned from being out of the country and found that his wife had rented a room to another gentleman. The understanding was that the renter would be the only one staying in the room but a girlfriend was found to have also been staying in the room.

The husband and wife asked the subjects to vacate the room but they refused.

The civil implications involved in this case were reviewed with all parties.

Police Service/ Civil Dispute 11-17612

**Marco Polo Restaurant
245 Maple Avenue, West**

October 27 7:57 p.m.

MPO Evans investigated a case regarding an all you can eat steak promotion. The customer had been served his first steak, ate it, and wanted more. The customer was told it would take 30 minutes to cook the steak. The customer felt this was a deceptive practice and a way to get him to eat off the buffet instead of continuing to eat steak.

The restaurant manager reduced the amount of the customer's check and subsequently banned him from the property. The still hungry customer left without incident.

CRASHES

800 Block Follin Lane near Alma Street, SE 11-16383

Hit and Run

October 3 5:08 p.m.

A legally parked vehicle was struck by another unknown vehicle. The driver of the striking vehicle left no contact information.

200 Block Lawyers Road near Windover Avenue, NW 11-17222

October 19 7:31 a.m.

One vehicle was stopped on Lawyers Road. A second vehicle struck it from the rear due to driver inattention. It is believed that the driver of the striking vehicle was daydreaming and did not realize the vehicle in front of them had stopped.

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

Follin Lane at Hine Street, SE 11-17249

October 19 4:47 p.m.

One vehicle was traveling along southbound Follin Lane. Another vehicle pulled out from a stop sign at Hine Street and tried to cross over Follin Lane. In doing so it was struck by the first vehicle.

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

1000 Block Cottage Street near Yeonas Drive, SW 11-17296

Hit and Run

October 3 5:08 p.m.

A legally parked vehicle was struck by another unknown vehicle. The driver of the striking vehicle left no contact information.

200 Block Maple Avenue near Courthouse Road, SW 11-17384

October 22 5:41 p.m.

Two eastbound lanes of Maple Avenue traffic had stopped to allow a vehicle to exit a parking lot area. As the vehicle exited the lot and attempted to turn left on to westbound Maple Avenue, it was struck by a vehicle in the center lane.

The driver of the vehicle travelling in the center turn lane was charged with Disregarding Lane Markings.

Maple Avenue at Courthouse Road, SW 11-17409

October 23 4:00 p.m.

Two in-line vehicles had stopped on Maple Avenue. The driver in the rear struck the front vehicle after her foot slipped off of the brake pedal.

MEDIA RELEASES

None.

CASE UPDATES

From the August 26, 2011 Vienna Police Highlights:

Vandalism/ Destruction of Property 11-14189

600 Block Kingsley Road, SW

Between August 22 at 11:00 p.m. and August 23 at 1:00 a.m.

A citizen reported that an acquaintance showed up at his house demanding money. The individual was a server at Coastal Flats and felt that the citizen had not tipped him enough money after serving him a meal approximately 1 month ago.

The complainant closed the door on the subject after he began making threats. A short time later he heard a loud noise and went outside to investigate but found nothing unusual.

The following morning the complainant noticed that his car window had been smashed out, the vehicle had been scratched, and a hood ornament had been removed.

The complainant attempted to contact the server but he was unable to reach him.

This case is still being investigated.

Case Update- October 3, 2011- After an investigation Detective Sylmar secured a felony warrant charging 26 year old Omid Singh of Lonesome Dove Court in Clifton with Vandalism.

Arrest- On October 3, 2011 a short time after the arrest warrant was obtained a Fairfax County officer located Mr. Singh at Tysons Corner Mall. He was arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. There, he was served with the warrant and held on \$2500.00 bond.

OF INTEREST/ CITIZEN NOTES

NOTE- Citizens are again urged to please remove all valuables from an unattended vehicle and most importantly, lock the vehicle doors.

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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
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