



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

February 24, 2012

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from February 17, 2012 – February 23, 2012. 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

**Fraud- Identity Theft 12-02665
600 Block Alma Street, SE
January 18 1:09 p.m.**

A citizen reported that an unknown subject opened a Sprint account using her identity. The unpaid bills are now overdue and the complainant has been contacted by a collection agency.

This case is still being investigated.

Arrest- Driving While Intoxicated 12-02561

Center Street at Church Street, NE

February 17 1:48 a.m.

PFC Ruddy observed a stationary vehicle in a travel lane on Center Street. She observed the vehicle for several minutes and then approached the driver. She then detected signs of possible impairment.

After attempting to complete several field sobriety tests 58 year old Stephen D. Juge of Magnolia Drive in Metairie, LA was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated.

He was transported to Vienna Police Headquarters for analysis of his breath. After the analysis he was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and held on a \$1000.00 bond.

Petit Larceny 12-02622

1100 Block Moorefield Creek Road, SW

February 17 between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

A citizen reported that during the listed times unknown subjects stole the front license plate from her parked vehicle.

Arrest- Unlicensed Solicitor 12-02620

200 Block Talahi Road, SE

February 17 4:53 p.m.

An alert citizen reported that there were two unlicensed solicitors going door to door attempting to sell meat.

MPO Shaver located the individuals and after a brief investigation issued the driver, 30 year old Nicholas Lee Ruffing of Jason Street in Cheverly, Maryland a summons for Soliciting Without a License. Further investigation revealed that his driver's license was suspended in Virginia. He was then issued another summons for that violation.

Mr. Ruffing was released after signing both summonses.

Arrest- Driving While Intoxicated 12-02638

Park Street at Locust Street, SE

February 18 1:40 a.m.

MPO Shaw conducted a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the driver he detected signs of possible impairment.

After attempting to complete several field sobriety tests Dawn Marie Defrancesco, 35, of Summit Square Drive 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. Defrancesco was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Juvenile Case- Underage Possession of Alcohol 12-02688

Westbriar Drive at Old Courthouse Road, NE

February 18 10:53 a.m.

PFC Vazquez conducted a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the vehicle's five juvenile occupants he detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage inside the vehicle.

Further investigation revealed that the occupants had been consuming alcohol the prior night, but were not intoxicated.

The juveniles were all released to their parents after speaking with PFC Vazquez.

Suspicious Event 12-02662

200 Block Park Terrace Court, SE

February 18 12:31 p.m.

An alert citizen reported that while walking along the W and OD Trail he overheard an argument inside a nearby apartment.

Officers were able to locate one of the involved parties and learned that he was arguing with his girlfriend while speaking to her on the telephone. He then slammed his own head into an interior wall and hung up the telephone.

There was no criminal incident reported.

Domestic Dispute 12-02685

Cedar Lane School

101 Cedar Lane, SW

February 18 9:12 p.m.

MPO Lose observed a suspicious vehicle near the school. Further investigation revealed that the occupants were having an argument about the manner in which the child's mother wanted to discipline their daughter.

There was no criminal violation.

Assault 12-02718

600 Block Alma Street, SE

February 20 12:30 a.m.

A tenant reported that her landlord had assaulted her after a verbal dispute. The landlord had fled from the house prior to police arrival.

The landlord was contacted but refused to return to the scene to speak with officers.

This case is still being investigated.

Suspicious Event 12-02883

600 Block Thelma Circle, SW

February 20 12:00 p.m.

An adult citizen reported that her father had threatened her after she made a flippant remark.

The warrant obtainment process was explained to the woman.

Police Service 12-02795

300 Block Westview Court, NE

February 20 3:03 p.m.

A citizen reported that he was concerned that his former son in law would attempt to steal his personal information. No evidence was found to support the claim at this time.

Telephone Case 12-02821

100 Block Elm Street, SW

February 21 3:31 a.m.

A citizen reported that a former boyfriend was sending her threatening text messages.

This case is still being investigated.

Trespassing 12-02810
Trousseau's
306 Maple Avenue, West
February 21 2:34 p.m.

A customer engaged an employee in a verbal argument regarding a bra alteration. The store manager intervened and was assaulted by the customer.

The customer had left the store prior to police arrival but was found a short distance away.

The manager declined to prosecute the customer but banned her from the store.

Suspicious Event/ Assist EMS 12-02824
7-11 Store
537 Maple Avenue, West
February 21 7:27 p.m.

MPO Sheeran responded for an individual that was soliciting without a license. The subject then reported that he was having chest pains.

After identifying the subject MPO Sheeran learned that he was wanted based upon several outstanding warrants but the issuing jurisdictions would not extradite him if arrested.

The individual was transported to an area hospital for treatment of his chest pain.

Police Service 12-02826
200 Block Yeonas Drive, SW
February 21 9:46 p.m.

Officer Tracy responded to assist the Fairfax County Fire Department with a suspicious event.

The fire department had been summoned by an individual after her roommate started a fire in the fireplace. The fire had produced some smoke which circulated in the house and the complainant asked the roommate to extinguish the fire. This resulted in a verbal altercation.

Officer Tracy and fire department employees discussed the issue with both parties. The roommate agreed to remove one log and push the remaining logs in a little bit to reduce the smoke production.

The fireplace was found to be functioning correctly and the amount of smoke inside the home was deemed acceptable by fire officials.

Juvenile Case 12-02836

Town Green

144 Maple Avenue, East

February 22 1:46 a.m.

MPO Sheeran encountered a 17 year old juvenile male in the park.

After speaking with the boy he learned that he and his mother had been involved in an argument. The boy then left the home without telling his mother.

The boy had flagged MPO Sheeran down after realizing he made an errant decision and wished to return home.

The boy was transported to Vienna Police Headquarters and reunited with his mother.

Domestic Dispute 12-02885

100 Block Center Street, North

February 22 1:49 p.m.

A citizen reported that his wife took his iPad and locked herself inside a room. She refused to give it back to the complainant.

Sergeant Farhan responded to the residence, spoke with both parties, and the iPad was returned to complainant.

Natural Death 12-02899

800 Block Ware Street, SW

February 22 4:59 p.m.

Fairfax County EMS summoned police for a 25 year old male that was in cardiac arrest. The individual was transported to an area hospital where he was pronounced as deceased.

There do not appear to be any signs of foul play and a detective will follow up on this case.

Suspicious Event 12-02900

600 Block Roberts Drive, NW

February 22 5:24 p.m.

A citizen reported that she observed what appeared to be a video camera in her neighbor's window. She feels that the camera may be filming her.

Further investigation did not discover any violation of law.

Domestic Dispute 12-02911
100 Block Lewis Street, NW
February 22 10:22 p.m.

A citizen reported that his girlfriend locked him out of their rented room inside a home.

Officer Lyons spoke with the girlfriend and she did not want the complainant in the room due to his intoxicated state. The woman eventually allowed the complainant to enter and the situation was resolved.

Vehicle Tampering 12-02967
300 Block Patrick Street, SW
February 23 2:25 a.m.

A citizen reported that he heard a vehicle alarm sounding in the early morning hours. He did not call police.

Later in the day the complainant observed that someone had attempted to break into his work van via a rear door. It did not appear as though they were successful.

Petit Larceny from a Vehicle 12-01627
1400 Block Ross Drive, SW
February 23 between 2:30 a.m. and 4:27 p.m.

A citizen reported that during the listed hours unknown subjects broke into his work van and stole some tools.

Residential Alarm 12-02946
500 Block Malcolm Road, NW
February 23 9:55 a.m.

Officer Kiley responded for a residential intrusion alarm that was sounding.

Upon his arrival he found an unsecured door. An interior search of the home yielded nothing unusual and the door was secured upon his exit.

Domestic Dispute 12-02966
600 Block Thelma Circle, SW
February 23 7:46 p.m.

A citizen reported that she and her father became involved in an argument regarding her eating food in his basement office. The father took the daughter's food and moved it upstairs which precipitated the call to police.

CRASHES

Hine Street at Follin Lane, SE 12-02509

February 15 6:10 p.m.

One vehicle was travelling along southbound Follin Lane. A second vehicle pulled in to the intersection from westbound Hine Street and struck the first vehicle.

The driver travelling along Hine Street believed that there was a 4 way stop sign posted. Unfortunately there is not.

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

Maple Avenue near Pleasant Street, SW 12-02538

February 16 9:45 a.m.

One vehicle was stationary in the center turn lane of westbound Maple Avenue.

An approaching vehicle that was travelling eastbound, in the left travel lane of Maple Avenue, stopped to allow the first vehicle to turn. While turning, another eastbound vehicle in the right travel lane of Maple Avenue struck it.

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

Lawyers Road at Church Street, NW 12-02553

February 16 4:55 p.m.

One vehicle was turning left from eastbound Church Street on to northbound Lawyers Road. While turning, it struck a passing vehicle that was travelling along northbound Lawyers Road.

300 Block Maple Avenue near Glyndon Street, NE 12-02555

February 16 7:33 p.m.

Two in-line vehicles were travelling along westbound Maple Avenue. As the front vehicle slowed to stop, it was struck in the rear by the second vehicle.

Maple Avenue at East Street, SE 12-02577

February 17 8:46 a.m.

Two in-line vehicles were stopped at a red traffic signal on Maple Avenue.

Once the light changed to green the front vehicle began moving, but then stopped. It was struck in the rear by the second vehicle.

100 Block Maple Avenue, NW 12-02603

February 17 1:10 p.m.

Two in-line vehicles were stopped on Maple Avenue. A third vehicle was behind the first two and its driver was texting while moving.

The third vehicle struck the rearmost of the first two vehicles. This set off a chain reaction crash.

The driver initiating the crash was charged with Following Too Closely.

200 Block Maple Avenue near Park Street, SE 12-02453

February 17 4:54 p.m.

Two in-line vehicles were travelling along Maple Avenue. As the front vehicle slowed to turn into a driveway, it was struck in the rear by the second vehicle.

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

Park Street at Locust Street, SE 12-02728

February 20 10:37 a.m.

One vehicle was travelling along northbound Park Street.

A second vehicle was turning left from Locust Street on to Park Street and struck the first vehicle.

100 Block Maple Avenue, NW 12-02901

February 22 6:48 p.m.

Two side by side vehicles were travelling along westbound Maple Avenue. Both vehicles attempted to merge into the other's lane at the same time. The vehicles collided.

MEDIA RELEASES

None.

CASE UPDATES

None.

OF INTEREST/ CITIZEN NOTES

NOTE TO CITIZENS- 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.

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We WANT to be Bothered! Call 9-1-1.

Please contact MPO Bill Murray for further information on any of these cases at
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