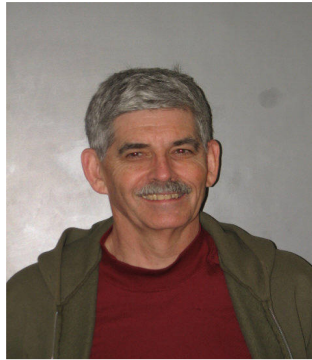




Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Man Arrested for Shooting Hawk out of Tree



On February 7, 2009 while on routine patrol Officer Maiorana of the Vienna Police Department heard a gun shot coming from the yard of a citizen near Courthouse Road and Locust Streets, SW. He then observed an individual with a shotgun in his hands.

The individual was identified as Thomas R. Shepler, 65, of Locust Street in Vienna. Mr. Shepler shot a hawk out of his tree because it was preying on squirrels in his yard.

Mr. Shepler was arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and formally charged with Discharging a Firearm in a Public Place and Cruelty to Animals; both misdemeanors. He was released by the Magistrate on his personal recognizance.

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