



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

April 1, 2016

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 25, 2016 – March 31, 2016. 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)

INCIDENTS

Fraud 16-002568

900 Block Fairway Drive, NE

Between February 4 at 8:00 a.m. and February 7 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that she discovered charges were made to her credit card without her knowledge.

This case is being investigated.

Petit Larceny 16-002389

County Transmission

320 Dominion Road, NE

Between March 17 at 2:00 p.m. and March 24 at 3:30 p.m.

An employee noticed the license plates had been removed from one of the vehicles that had been left in their lot for service.

Open Door 16-002281
Westwood Country Club
800 Maple Avenue, East
March 21 8:38 p.m.

While responding to an alarm at the Country Club Sgt. Sheeran found a door that was unsecure. After checking the building and finding nothing that appeared to have been disturbed, Sgt. Sheeran secured the door.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 16-002386
Lawyers Road at Church Street, NW
March 25 2:42 a.m.

PFC Tracy observed a driver commit a series of traffic violations and initiated a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the driver he determined that he may have been impaired. After failing a series of sobriety tests he arrested the 29 year old man from Callie Furnace Court in Manassas, Virginia for Driving While Intoxicated.

He was transported to the Vienna Police Station where he was given the opportunity to provide a sample of his breath for analysis. After the analysis he was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

Grand Larceny 16-002394
100 Block Sanoey Circle, SE
March 25 between 7:55 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

A resident reported US currency and jewelry missing from his home. Because he believes it was taken by a relative who has been staying at the house he does not wish to pursue the case.

Grand Larceny 16-002406
Freedom Bank
502 Maple Avenue, West
March 25 between 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

A citizen found blank business checks laying in the roadway on Nutley Street, SW and brought them to the Vienna Police Station. Ofc. Hylinski contacted the checks' owner and found they were stolen from his vehicle a short time earlier.

The owner stated he left the checkbook in his unlocked vehicle in the parking lot while he conducted business in the bank. He was not aware the checkbook had been removed from the vehicle until he was notified by Ofc. Hylinski. This case is being investigated by our department.

Vandalism 16-002443
300 Locust Street, SE
March 26 between 12:00 p.m. and 4:51 p.m.

A resident reported that his vehicle was keyed while it was legally parked at his residence.

Welfare Check 16-002456
100 Block Patrick Street, SE
March 26 11:30 p.m.

Officer Sterling and MPO Nelson responded to the residence to check on a female who was not feeling well and was home alone. Fairfax County Rescue also responded to assess the female and found she was not in need of further medical treatment.

A family member was contacted and came to the residence to take care of the female.

Welfare Check 16-002466
900 Block Hillcrest Drive, SW
March 27 9:52 a.m.

A citizen requested officers check on the welfare of his wife. The wife had made statements on the phone that made him believe she may be in distress.

Officers searched the house, but were unable to locate the woman. A short time later, officers found the woman walking her dog in the area. She stated she was fine and did not need any further assistance.

Petit Larceny 16-002471
The Virginian Restaurant
169 Glyndon Street, SE
March 27 12:51 p.m.

An employee reported a table of customers leaving without paying their bill.

This case is being investigated.

Burglary 16-002480
Sport Cuts
134 Maple Avenue, West
Between March 26 at 7:30 p.m. and March 28 at 9:45 a.m.

An employee reported that someone had entered the business and removed US currency from their safe.

This case is being investigated.

Open Door 16-002482
300 Block John Marshall Drive, NE
March 28 1:54 p.m.

MPO Seitz and Ofc. Reedy responded to a residential alarm. They found two doors at the residence that were not secure. After checking the residence they found nothing appeared to have been disturbed.

The alarm may have been set off by high winds in the area.

Grand Larceny 16-002485

Giant Food

359 Maple Avenue, East

March 28 between 2:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

A citizen left her iPhone in the restroom at Giant. The iPhone was no longer there when she went back for it.

Fraud 16-002513

500 Block Glyndon Street, SE

March 29 6:22 p.m.

A resident reported he discovered a charge had been made to one of his credit cards without his knowledge.

The resident canceled his credit card with his bank.

This case is under investigation.

Arrest - Noise Violation 16-002524

The Bey Lounge

303 Mill Street, NE

March 30 12:37 a.m.

Ofc. Herrera and Ofc. Reedy responded to the area after a resident reported excessively loud music coming from the business. Upon his arrival he determined the music was in violation of the Town of Vienna Noise Ordinance.

Ofc. Herrera issued a summons to the employee, a 30 year old man from Dry River Court in Reston, Virginia, for Violation of the Noise Ordinance. He was released after signing the summons and agreed to turn the music down.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 16-002530

Maple Avenue at Nutley Street, NW

March 30 1:54 a.m.

Ofc. Herrera was on patrol when he observed a driver commit a series of traffic violations and initiated a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the driver he determined that he may have been impaired. After failing a series sobriety tests he arrested the 29 year old man from Packard Way in Burke, Virginia for Driving While Intoxicated.

He was transported to the Vienna Police Station where he was given the opportunity, but refused, to provide a sample of his breath for analysis. He was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated, Refusal and Reckless Driving.

Arrest – Fraud 16-002537

Vienna Drug Center

150 Maple Avenue, West

March 30 1:55 p.m.

An employee reported a female was attempting to fill a fraudulent prescription.

Ofc. Tremont located the 28 year old woman from Brompton Street in Springfield, Virginia and arrested her. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Prescription Fraud and released on an unsecured bond.

Grand Larceny 16-002566

900 Cottage Street, SW

Between March 30 at 10:00 p.m. and March 31 at 10:00 a.m.

A resident reported two patio tables were stolen.

Arrest – Driving on a Suspended License 16-002556

400 Block Maple Avenue, East

March 30 11:29 p.m.

Ofc. Sterling observed a driver commit a traffic offense and conducted a traffic stop. He found the female driver was operating the vehicle on a suspended license. Ofc. Sterling issued the driver a summons for Driving on a Suspended License and released her on her signature and explained that she was no longer permitted to drive the vehicle.

Within a few minutes Ofc. Sterling observed the female driving the vehicle and he initiated a second traffic stop on her. He arrested the 51 year old female from Mashie Drive, SE in Vienna. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Driving on a Suspended License. She was then released on an unsecured bond.

Animal Case 16-002565

200 Block Glen Avenue, SW

March 31 2:17 p.m.

ACO Barker responded to the report of a sick raccoon. Upon his arrival the raccoon ran up a large tree where ACO Barker was unable to catch it.

Later that afternoon, officers responded back to the residence after the animal had come down from the tree. MPO Shaw determined the animal was sick and could not be saved.

CRASHES

Ayr Hill Avenue and Dominion Road, NE 16-002303

March 22 3:49 p.m.

A bicyclist was traveling southbound on the W&OD Trail approaching the intersection of Ayr Hill Avenue. The bicyclist noticed the driver of a vehicle traveling westbound on Ayr Hill was permitting him to cross the roadway and he proceeded into the cross walk without coming to a complete stop.

A second vehicle was traveling westbound on Ayr Hill and struck the bicyclist.

The bicyclist was transported to by Fairfax County Rescue to an area hospital.

500 Block Roland Street, SW 16-002409

March 25 8:41 p.m.

The driver of the first vehicle was backing out of his driveway when he struck the second vehicle, which was legally parked on the road.

200 Block Maple Avenue, West 16-002415

March 25 9:35 p.m.

The driver of the first vehicle was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue in the right lane.

The driver of the second vehicle, a large truck, was traveling adjacent to the first vehicle in the left lane. The driver of the second vehicle attempted to make a wide right turn into a parking lot, struck the first vehicle and pushed it off the road.

A passenger in the first vehicle was transported by Fairfax County Rescue personnel to an area hospital.

359 Maple Avenue, East 16-002433

March 26 11:28 a.m.

The owner of a vehicle that was legally parked in the parking lot returned to find it had been struck by an unknown vehicle.

Maple Avenue at Follin Lane, SE 16-002483

March 28 1:58 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound in the same lane on Maple Avenue. The driver of the first vehicle stopped for the red traffic signal at Follin Lane. The driver of the second vehicle, a dump truck, failed to stop in time and rear-ended the first vehicle.

Both the driver and the passenger of the first vehicle complained of injury. Fairfax County Rescue personnel evaluated both individuals, but the both declined to be transported to a medical facility.

The driver of the second vehicle was issued a summons for Following to Close.

544 Maple Avenue, West 16-002507

March 29 4:14 p.m.

The owner of a legally parked vehicle returned to find it had been struck by an unknown vehicle.

CASE UPDATES

None.

MEDIA RELEASES

You may be aware of the recent bear sightings in Fairfax County that have been in the media. Fairfax County Police released the following information last week that contains the important facts we want you to be aware of should you see a bear in the area. Please also contact our Animal Control Officer, John Barker, at 703-255-6377 if you have any questions.

Please note that we have not had any bear sightings in the Town of Vienna this year.

Bear Sighting

BY FCPD PUBLIC AFFAIRS BUREAU ON MARCH 21, 2016



Spring is the time when black bears and cubs emerge from their winter dens; typically between mid-March to early May in Virginia. A black bear and cub were spotted by a resident in the 1500 block of Windstone Dr., Vienna at around 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 20. This location is near Difficult Run Stream Valley Park and Wolftrap Stream Valley Park. The bears posed no problems or issues but did stay on the property for about an hour. Bears typically avoid humans, but may wander into residential areas in their search for food. Most often, bears will keep moving through an area once they fail in their attempts to find food. Mother bears are protective over their cubs. If encountered, bears and their cubs should not be approached. When sensing danger, a female bear will typically send her cubs up a tree and leave the area. In such cases, the female will almost always return to gather up the cubs when no people or pets are around, usually after dark. If a bear huffs or woofs, clacks its teeth, growls or slaps the ground, it is warning you that you are too close. The Fairfax County Wildlife Management Specialist and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries suggest residents take the following precautions to minimize encounters with black bears:

- Keep a respectful distance! In most cases, the bear will move on quickly.

- If a bear is up a tree on or near your property, give it space. Do not approach, and bring your pets inside to provide the bear a clear path to leave your property.
- If you see a very small cub, do not try to remove it from the area or “save it.” The best way to encourage the bear not to return is to remove food sources.
- Do not store household trash, or anything that smells like food, in vehicles, on porches or decks.
- Keep your full or empty trash containers secured in a garage, shed or basement.
- Take your garbage to the dump frequently.
- If you have a trash collection service, put your trash out the morning of the pickup, not the night before.
- Take down your birdfeeder for 3-4 weeks after the bear visits.

Unless the animal is sick or injured, or poses a threat to public safety, Animal Control Officers do not take actions to attempt to remove bears from a neighborhood. Black bears have a natural fear of humans, and in most cases, would rather flee than encounter people. You may contact the Fairfax County Animal Services Division, Animal Control Section at (703) 691-2131, for further information. Bear sightings should be reported to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries through the Virginia Wildlife Conflict Helpline at (855) 571-9003.

For more information, see:

<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/news/release.asp?id=421>

<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/bear/black-bear-facts/>



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Vienna Police Department to Participate in 11th D.E.A. Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative

Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In conjunction with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (D.E.A.) 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, 2016 between the hours of 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 located at 215 Center Street, South, Vienna, Virginia 22180.

Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing it and disposing of it directly in to 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.

Intravenous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted due to associated hazards.

Commercial businesses, pharmacies or other medical facilities may not use this as a means to discard expired medications or medical waste.

CITIZEN NOTES

TAX SEASON SCAM

Note to Citizens – *During this time of year, Tax Season, many residents report receiving calls from individuals claiming to be employees of the IRS. The callers claim the resident has either committed tax fraud or had improperly filed previous tax returns. The caller informs the resident to send a Western Union payment or purchase a prepaid debit card, for payment, or the resident will be arrested. This type of call is a scam. **Never send a payment unless you have verified the validity of the caller.***

Please Note: *Recently there have been reports of callers claiming to be relatives or representatives of a relative. The callers claim they have been arrested and in order to be released from jail the resident needs to wire a payment to an attorney or the jail. The payment is usually requested in the form of a prepaid debit card or through Western Union. This type of call is a scam. **Never send a payment unless you have verified the validity of the caller.***

Reminder: *Please remove all valuables from an unattended vehicle and most importantly, **lock the vehicle doors.***

Interested in becoming a Vienna police officer?

Consider joining one of the premier law enforcement agencies in Northern Virginia. The Town of Vienna Police Department offers a competitive salary and excellent benefits.

For application information please call 703-255-6350 or visit:

<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/vienna/default.cfm>

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.

**See or Hear Something? Say Something!
We *WANT* to be Bothered! Call 9-1-1.**

Please contact Ruth Rohr for further information on any of these cases at
Ruth.Rohr@Viennava.gov or 703-255-6324.