



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

February 21, 2020

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 14, 2020 – February 20, 2020. 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 20-001731

600 Block Blackstone Terrace, NW

Between December 15 at 12:00 p.m. and February 18 at 12:00 p.m.

An unknown person posing as an Apple technician advised a resident via telephone that he discovered malware on her computer and she would need to pay him through gift cards to fix the issue. The resident continued paying the man until her son discovered the fraud.

Prescription Fraud 20-001767

Vienna Drug Center

150 Maple Avenue, West

December 17 4:54 p.m.

While investigating another case of prescription fraud, Ofc. Williams was advised that the same man, in that case, had previously passed another fraudulent prescription at the pharmacy. *Reference Incident #20-001554.*

Fraud 20-001689

200 Block Ross Drive, SW

Between January 17 at 12:01 a.m. and February 17 at 12:01 a.m.

A resident was contacted by a man through an on-line website requesting the resident to provide music lessons to the man's son. The man sent a check to the resident as payment. After the resident deposited the check into his account, the man requested a refund. The resident repaid the man the full amount, then was later informed by the bank that the check the man sent was fraudulent.

Vandalism 20-001611

Giant Food

359 Maple Avenue, East

Between February 5 at 12:00 p.m. and February 15 at 12:00 p.m.

An employee reported that an unknown person vandalized the columns and walls outside of the store.

Fraud 20-001554

Vienna Drug Center

150 Maple Avenue, West

Between February 10 at 12:25 p.m. and February 14 at 10:17 a.m.

An employee reported that a man obtained drugs with a prescription that they later determined was fraudulent. *Reference Incident #20-001767.*

Arrest – Drunk In Public 20-001449

Mod Pizza

168 Maple Avenue, West

February 11 5:15 p.m.

Employees advised that a co-worker was terminated from his employment earlier in the day. The employees were concerned because the man was still in the parking lot. When officers arrived, they found that two of the man's friends were at the scene and offered to drive him home. A short time after leaving the area, the two friends returned, advising officers that the man jumped from their vehicle and was running down Courthouse Road from Nutley Street.

PFC Sterling located the man in the area of Courthouse Road and Courthouse Circle, SW. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, he detected signs of impairment. PFC Sterling arrested the 26-year-old man from Cherokee Avenue in Alexandria, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Drunk In Public.

Petit Larceny 20-001716

Navy Federal Credit Union

820 Follin Lane, SE

February 14 between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

An employee reported that someone entered her office and stole US currency from her purse.

Animal Case 20-001556

500 Block Church Street, NE

February 14 10:40 a.m.

A citizen reported a sick fox near the entrance to a building. Officers located the animal and, after determining the animal was in grave condition, euthanized the fox.

Assist EMS 20-001567

Fairway Drive, NE

February 14 1:30 p.m.

A citizen requested a welfare check after their friend texted some concerning statements. Family members also responded to the home and found the resident in need of medical services. The resident was transported to an area medical facility in a non-life-threatening condition.

Suspicious Event 20-001576

100 Block Tapawingo Road, SE

February 14 4:42 p.m.

An elderly resident wanted to discuss a civil matter regarding an eviction notice.

Suspicious Event 20-001584

800 Block Plum Street, SW

February 15 4:45 a.m.

A resident advised that his elderly neighbor came to his home requesting assistance and that he feared his wife was in danger. When officers arrived, the elderly man requested officers to check inside his home and determine if there were any issues. The officers quickly located the caregiver and the man's wife in the home and found that there were no physical concerns. A relative responded to the home to assist with her elderly parents. No further police assistance was needed.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 20-001614

Nutley Street, SW

February 15 3:27 p.m.

A resident requested assistance with her teenage daughter, who was making concerning statements. PFC Williams transported the juvenile to an area hospital for evaluation.

Vehicle Tampering 20-001654

100 Block Roland Court, SW

Between February 15 at 8:30 p.m. and February 16 at 10:30 a.m.

A resident reported that someone entered her unlocked vehicle and rummaged through it. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Petit Larceny 20-001659

100 Block Roland Court, SW

Between February 15 at 8:30 p.m. and February 16 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle and stole a small amount of U.S. currency.

Animal Case 20-001638

300 Block Sherwood Drive, NE

February 16 8:16 a.m.

An officer responded to the report of a deer that was injured after becoming stuck in a fence. The officer found the deer was in grave condition and euthanized the animal.

Suspicious Event 20-001653**Vienna Police Station****215 Center Street, South****February 16 12:02 p.m.**

A woman called the police station reporting a custody issue with her ex-husband, who brought their children from Ireland and were living in Vienna. An officer spoke to the ex-husband and determined that he and the children do not reside in Vienna. The woman did not provide documentation to support a custody issue or violation of any court order.

Suspicious Event 20-001655**CVS****337 Maple Avenue, East****February 16 12:20 p.m.**

A citizen reported that he was at the CVS Pharmacy counter when a man shoved him. An officer spoke to the man who advised that it was the citizen who was becoming aggressive with the pharmacist, so he placed his hand on his shoulder and asked him to calm down. The pharmacist confirmed the man's account. However, the citizen wanted to pursue charges for assault. The officer advised the citizen of the warrant process if he wished to pursue the matter.

Civil 20-001657**500 Block Stephen Circle, SW****February 16 1:29 p.m.**

Residents reported ongoing issues with a tenant. An officer advised the residents of the eviction process to remove the tenant from the home.

Assist EMS 20-001663**Ware Street, SW****February 16 4:24 p.m.**

A citizen was visiting his mother's home when he found her unresponsive. It was determined that the woman was in need of medical attention. Rescue personnel transported the woman to an area hospital in critical condition.

Exposure 20-001669**100 Block Center Street North****February 16 7:21 p.m.**

A woman reported that she was in her vehicle in the parking lot of 106 Center Street, North when she observed a man on the sidewalk near the building. The man exposed himself to the woman and began walking toward her vehicle. The woman immediately left the area and called the police. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate the man.

Suspicious Event 20-001674**McDonald's****544 Maple Avenue, West****February 16 9:26 p.m.**

A citizen reported that she was in McDonald's with a group of high school girls when they were approached by a man who began yelling at them and spitting in their direction. Officers located the man, determined that no crime was committed, and the man agreed to leave the area.

Civil 20-001687

500 Block Orrin Street, SE

February 17 10:53 a.m.

Officers responded to a civil dispute between a landlord and her tenant.

Petit Larceny 20-001690

100 Block Church Street, NW

February 17 12:39 p.m.

A man working at a construction site reported that his cell phone was stolen.

Arrest – Narcotics Violation 20-001703

Maple Avenue and East Street, SE

February 18 2:36 a.m.

An officer observed a driver commit a traffic offense and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, he detected an odor of marijuana. The driver was found to be in possession of a measurable amount of marijuana.

Ofc. Murray issued a summons to the driver, a 26-year-old man from Lorrying Drive in District Heights, Maryland, charging Possession of Marijuana. The man was released on his signature.

Arrest – Prescription Fraud 20-001732

Vienna Drug Center

150 Maple Avenue, West

February 18 6:50 p.m.

An employee reported that a man in the pharmacy was attempting to obtain drugs with a fraudulent doctor's order. *Reference Incident #'s 20-001554 and 20-001767.*

Ofc. McElhattan arrested the 25-year-old man from Oglethorpe Street in Washington, DC. The man was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Prescription Fraud.

Assist EMS 20-001736

400 Block Nutley Street, NW

February 18 11:20 p.m.

Officers responded to assist rescue personnel with a resident who was suffering a medical emergency. The resident was transported to an area hospital by rescue personnel.

Open Door 20-001737

Papa John's Pizza

112 Lawyers Road, NW

February 19 4:19 a.m.

An officer found an unsecured door to the business. Officers checked the business, determined that nothing appeared out of place and secured the door.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 20-001772

Fairway Drive, NE

February 19 9:15 p.m.

A resident reported that their adult son was making concerning statements. After speaking with officers, the son agreed to go to an area medical facility for evaluation. Ofc. Farr transported the son to the facility where he was held on an Emergency Custody Order.

Domestic Dispute 20-001819

Johnson Street, SW

February 20 9:41 p.m.

Officers responded to the residence after receiving multiple 911 calls for a domestic dispute in progress. It was determined that the resident's juvenile son was making repeated 911 calls because he was upset and got into a verbal dispute with his mother.

CRASHES

100 Block Maple Avenue, West 20-001451

February 11 5:37 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound in the same lane of traffic. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2 in heavy traffic, causing minor damage to both vehicles.

226 Maple Avenue, West 20-001561

February 14 11:47 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was exiting the parking lot to turn left onto Maple Avenue. Eastbound traffic in the two travel lanes stopped to allow Vehicle-1 through. Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound in the turn lane, preparing to turn into 225 Maple Avenue. As Vehicle-1 entered the roadway, the two vehicles collided.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

200 Block Dominion Road, NE 20-1562

February 13 4:00 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked when it was struck by an unknown vehicle.

Locust Street near Glyndon Street, SE 20-001658

February 16 1:00 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on Glyndon Street when it was struck by an unknown vehicle.

300 Block Maple Avenue, East 20-001753

February 19 11:30 a.m.

Two vehicles were eastbound on Maple Avenue in adjacent lanes, approaching Branch Road. Vehicle-1 slightly drifted from the left lane into the right lane and struck Vehicle-2's driver side mirror, causing minor damage. Driver-1 left the area without stopping to provide their information.

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE 20-001800

February 20 3:00 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in the parking lot when it was struck by an unknown driver.

CASE UPDATES

None.

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

MEDIA RELEASES



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Reminder

Prevention of Stolen Vehicles/Vehicle Tamperings

With the advent of warmer weather, the Town of Vienna Police Department would like to remind all Town of Vienna residents to secure their vehicles and personal belongings. Recently there have been several vehicle tamperings to include stolen vehicles from Vienna and the neighboring jurisdictions.

The Vienna Police Department would like to remind citizens of the following steps to assist in the prevention of your vehicle being tampered with or stolen:

Lock your Car Doors.

The majority of the vehicles being entered and/or stolen have been unlocked.

Remove all Valuables.

In most cases, the subjects responsible for these acts have been targeting vehicles which contain valuables such as, but not limited to, laptop computers, GPS's, pocketbooks/purses, loose change, cameras, etc. If you must leave valuables in your vehicle, please be sure to conceal the items, in the trunk, under the seats or use any other means to make them undetectable. Also, make sure to record all serial numbers, and if possible, engrave them or permanently mark the items with easily identifiable markings, in the event the items are recovered.

Remove all Keys.

The subjects who commit these crimes are aware that most new vehicles come with valet keys. Most of these keys are kept inside the vehicles, either in the center consoles, or the glove compartments or other areas easily accessible. In some instances the owners have left their keys rings containing their house keys, providing access to their homes.

Report Suspicious Activity

In some cases, the subjects have been observed wearing several layers of clothing, not consistent with the weather conditions. This is used to conceal stolen items and also to make identification difficult as they will shed layers of clothing as they flee the area when they suspect they have been observed committing a crime.

The Town of Vienna Police Department is dedicated to the safety and protection of all persons and property in the Town of Vienna. However, much of our success comes from the assistance of its concerned and observant residents.

****A reminder to secure your vehicles and remove all valuables! **
Even if your vehicle is parked in your driveway, please secure all windows and doors and remove all valuables.**



CITIZEN NOTES

Vienna Police Department Construction Project Updates

Updates about the police department construction project will be posted regularly to the “Police Department Renovation” page, located under the Police Department section, at viennava.gov, or follow the below link.

** As we move forward with designing and ultimately constructing a new facility, Chief Morris is committed to keeping the Vienna community informed and involved in the process. To begin that effort a link has been established on the police department page of the Town of Vienna website (<https://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=1225>), and we will be providing regular updates about the process in these Highlights.

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.**