



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

September 15, 2023

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from September 8, 2023 to September 14, 2023. Readers are reminded an “arrest” is based upon probable cause and does not always mean someone was physically taken into custody. Furthermore, it does not mean 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)

On July 1, 2021, citizens will be able to access Community Policing data via <https://data.virginia.gov/stories/s/rden-cz3h>. The Vienna Police Department had started complying with this state law in July of 2020. The portal will contain all non-consensual investigatory stops made by the Vienna Police Departments and other law enforcement agencies in the commonwealth.

UPDATE – Car Thefts and Tamperings

The National Capital Area, specifically the Northern Virginia area, has seen increased vehicle tampering incidents and vehicle thefts. A recent pattern has been identified where suspects enter the area in stolen vehicles and cruise streets between 3:00 AM and 7:00 AM. In addition to rifling through unlocked cars for valuables and money, they steal the vehicle when they encounter keys left in it. The Vienna Police Department would like to remind our community members to please stay vigilant, secure their cars and take the keys inside, and close and lock all doors of residences and garages to prevent criminals from targeting your property. Additionally, please call the police if you notice suspicious vehicles or people in your area, and share Ring doorbell or other security camera footage with us if you capture video related to these incidents. The Vienna Police Department is working closely with other Law Enforcement agencies in the region, coordinating our resources to investigate these crimes.

If you see suspicious activity or persons, we ask you to immediately notify the police department at 703-255-6366 or, in case of emergency call 911.

INCIDENTS

Found Property 23-008230

Vienna Town Green

144 Maple Avenue, East

August 31 2:20 p.m.

A citizen turned in a set of keys he found at the Town Green.

Found Property 23-008582

Vienna Town Green

144 Maple Avenue, East

September 3 between 12:01 a.m. and 11:59 p.m.

On September 13, a citizen turned in a headphone case they found on September 3 at the Town Green.

Destruction of Property 23-008449

500 Block Nanterry Circle, SW

Between September 7 at 10:00 a.m. and September 8 at 12:23 p.m.

A resident reported someone damaged the left rear tire of his vehicle.

Domestic Dispute 23-008444

Courthouse Circle, SW

September 8 8:02 a.m.

An officer responded to a dispute between a resident and her adult daughter who suffers from mental issues. The daughter was advised of the services available to her, but she refused any assistance.

Open Door 23-008456

400 Block Orleans Circle, SW

September 8 3:18 p.m.

Officers conducted a welfare check on a resident at the request of his neighbors who had not seen the man for several weeks. While checking the home, officers found an unsecured door. The officers checked the residence, found nothing that appeared to be suspicious, and secured the home.

Domestic Dispute 23-008459

Park Terrace Court, SE

September 8 6:30 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a domestic dispute between a resident and her adult son. The son left the area before officers arrived. The resident was advised of the process to obtain a protective order against her son.

Assist EMS 23-008484

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

September 9 9:42 p.m.

Officers assisted rescue personnel with a resident requesting medical attention after drinking alcohol while on medication. The resident was transported to an area hospital for evaluation.

Arrest – Drunk In Public and Warrant Service 23-008487 and 23-008489

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

September 10 2:35 a.m.

An officer observed individuals in the area of the shopping center acting disorderly. Upon his interaction with the individuals, he detected signs of impairment. The officer also found an active warrant for one of the individuals in Fairfax County.

PFC Mayar arrested the 53-year-old man with no fixed address for being drunk in public and for an active assault warrant out of Fairfax County. Ofc. Harshfield also arrested a 47-year-old female with no fixed address for being drunk in public. Both individuals were booked at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Petit Larceny 23-008493

Thai Wellness Center

September 10 between 9:35 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

An owner of the business fired one of their employees. Officers responded to assist when the woman refused to leave the premises. The woman was trespassed from the business and advised she would be charged if she returned. After the woman left, the owner discovered she had stolen her cell phone and car keys. Officers located the woman as she was attempting to return to the business.

Ofc. Fitchue arrested the 52-year-old woman from Beverly Road in McLean, Virginia. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Petit Larceny.

Domestic Dispute 23-008498

Courthouse Circle, SW

September 10 12:47 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a dispute between a resident and his adult daughter who has mental issues. The resident advised his daughter was throwing out property that belonged to him and his wife, which led to the dispute. The daughter refused any mental health resources. The resident was advised of the warrant process should he wish to pursue charges for destruction of property.

Vehicle Tampering 23-008504

Westwood Country Club

800 Maple Avenue, East

September 10 between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

A citizen reported someone entered her vehicle and stole children's shoes, clothing, and hair products.

Arrest – Warrant Service 23-008518

John Marshall Drive, NE

September 11 8:08 a.m.

An officer responded to a home at the request of the Herndon Police Department to serve a warrant on a resident for Domestic Assault.

Ofc. Ebrahimi arrested the 33-year-old woman from John Marshall Drive, NE in Vienna. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where the warrant and an Emergency Protective Order were served on her.

Police Service 23-008527

900 Block Sioux Court, SE

September 11 1:17 p.m.

A resident turned in a firearm for destruction.

Suspicious Event 23-008530

Courthouse Circle, SW

September 11 3:34 p.m.

Officers responded to a dispute between a resident and her adult daughter.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 23-008539

Chain Bridge Road and Babcock Road

September 12 2:22 a.m.

An officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, he detected signs of impairment. The driver failed to perform a series of field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest. The officer found an open container of alcohol in the vehicle.

Ofc. Stroh transported the 36-year-old man from Commons Drive in Annandale, Virginia to the Vienna Police Station where he provided a sample of his breath for analysis. The man was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated, Drinking While Driving, and Reckless Driving.

Vandalism 23-008620
Dollar Tree
264 Cedar Lane, SE
September 12 8:52 a.m.

On September 13, an employee reported an incident that occurred the previous day where three juveniles vandalized the restroom with items they took from the store.

Fraud 23-008589
900 Block Moorefield Hill Grove, SW
Between September 12 at 12:00 p.m. and September 13 at 9:17 a.m.

A resident received an alert on her computer stating her bank account was compromised. She later received a phone call from a man claiming he was a fraud investigator with Microsoft advising her of a suspicious financial transaction from her bank account. At the request of the resident, an officer accompanied her to her bank where they found no suspicious activity or withdrawals from her account, and her online banking information was changed to help prevent any fraudulent activity.

Assault 23-008578
200 Block Cedar Lane, SE
September 12 7:14 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a fight in the shopping center parking lot. The officers located two men who advised they were getting into an Uber when three or four men approached the vehicle, pulled them out of the vehicle, and began assaulting them. The two men had visible signs of injury, but refused rescue. They reported they did not know the men who attacked them and advised they did not wish to pursue charges against them. Officers searched the area for the suspects but could not locate them.

Found Property 23-008593
Meadow Lane Park
501 Meadow Lane, SW
September 13 10:57 a.m.

A resident turned in a bicycle that was abandoned at the park for a few days.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 23-008623
7-11
537 Maple Avenue, West
September 13 6:32 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a man who was acting disorderly and yelling at customers. Upon the officers' interaction with the man, they detected signs of intoxication.

PFC Mayar arrested the 24-year-old man with no fixed address. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with being Drunk In Public.

CASE UPDATES

(Vienna Police Highlights – August 4, 2023)

Stolen Vehicle 23-007248

Battle Street, SE

Between July 29 at 12:00 a.m. and July 30 at 9:00 a.m.

A resident left his vehicle unsecured in the garage with the keys inside overnight. Due to a storm and power outage, the garage door was unable to close. The following day, the resident discovered the vehicle was stolen. Another jurisdiction later recovered the vehicle.

Update – Stolen Vehicle reclassified as False Report 22-007248 and Arrest – Warrant Service 23-008438

100 Block Battle Street, SE

August 7 7:18 p.m.

The vehicle that was reported as stolen in this case was involved in two accidents in Arlington County on July 30 at 2:00 a.m. where the driver and two children left the vehicle and fled the scene. Investigation revealed the driver was the owner of the vehicle who made the stolen vehicle report the following morning.

On September 7, Detective Reedy obtained a warrant charging False Report To a Law Enforcement Officer. An officer with the Arlington County Police Department obtained two warrants charging Child Neglect and two warrants charging Hit and Run. Detective Reedy arrested the 42-year-old man from N Veitch Street in Arlington, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where the warrants were served on him.

CRASHES

600 Block Tapawingo Road, SW 23-008411

September 6 4:30 p.m.

Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2 which was legally parked and unattended. Driver-1 left the scene without stopping to provide their information.

Cottage Street and Walker Street, SW 23-008440

September 7 8:14 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling northbound on Cottage Street. Vehicle-2 was attempting to turn left from Walker Street onto Cottage Street when the two vehicles collided. Driver-1 left the scene without stopping to provide their information.

300 Block Maple Avenue, West 23-008441

September 7 9:58 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Maple Avenue attempting to turn left into 320 Maple Avenue, West when they collided with Vehicle-2 who was attempting to pass Vehicle-1 on the right.

300 Block Nutley Street, NW 23-008494

September 10 9:48 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was northbound on Nutley Street. Vehicle-1 was reversing from a driveway onto the roadway when the two vehicles collided causing minor damage to both vehicles.

Maple Avenue and Glyndon Street, SE 23-008517

September 11 7:35 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was northbound on Glyndon Street. Vehicle-1 was eastbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 entered the intersection on a red traffic light and collided with Vehicle-2.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Obey a Traffic Signal.

Kingsley Road and Ware Street, SW 23-008535

September 11 8:33 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling southbound on Ware Street. Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Kingsley Road. The two vehicles collided in the intersection.

Maple Avenue and Branch Road, SE 23-008618

September 13 5:19 p.m.

Vehicle-3 was stopped in the right lane of eastbound traffic. Vehicle-1 and Vehicle-2 were on Branch Road turning right onto Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 turned into the right lane of traffic behind Vehicle-3. Vehicle-2 was attempting to turn into the left lane. Vehicle-1 turned into the left lane and hit both Vehicle-2 and Vehicle-3.

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

146 Maple Avenue, West 23-008653

September 14 2:30 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in the parking lot. Vehicle-1 was parked next to Vehicle-2. Vehicle-1 was backing out when it struck the rear bumper of Vehicle-2. Driver-1 left the scene without stopping to provide their information.

100 Block Kingsley Road, SW 23-008672

September 14 10:45 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was turning left into his driveway. Vehicle-1 sideswiped Vehicle-2 as they attempted to pass them on the wrong side of the road. Driver-1 fled the scene without stopping to provide their information.

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

CITIZEN NOTES

As we see a rise in these cases across the area and the country, we would like to share this important FBI Public Service Announcement and make the community aware.

Vienna Police Department



September 12, 2023

Alert Number

I-091223-PSA

Questions regarding this PSA should be directed to your local **FBI Field Office**.

Local Field Office Locations: www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices

Violent Online Groups Extort Minors to Self-Harm and Produce Child Sexual Abuse Material

The FBI is warning the public of violent online groups deliberately targeting minor victims on publicly available messaging platforms to extort them into recording or live-streaming acts of self-harm and producing child sexual abuse material (CSAM). These groups use threats, blackmail, and manipulation to control the victims into recording or live-streaming self-harm, sexually explicit acts, and/or suicide; the footage is then circulated among members to extort victims further and exert control over them.

VIOLENT ONLINE GROUPS

The violent online groups use many names, including 676, 764, CVLT, Court, Kaskar, Harm Nation, Leak Society, and H3ll, but continuously evolve and form subgroups under different monikers. They operate on publicly available platforms, such as social media sites or mobile applications. To gain access to a majority of these groups, prospective members are required to live-stream or upload videos depicting their minor victims harming animals or committing self-harm, suicide, murder, or other acts of violence. The key motivators of these groups are to gain notoriety and rise in status within their groups.

TARGETING

The groups target minors between the ages of 8 and 17 years old, especially LGBTQ+ youth, racial minorities, and those who struggle with a variety of mental health issues, such as depression and suicidal ideation.

EXTORTION AND SELF-HARM

The groups use extortion and blackmail tactics, such as threatening to SWAT¹ or DOX² the minor victims, if they do not comply with the groups' requests, manipulate and extort minors into producing CSAM and videos depicting animal cruelty and self-harm. Self-harm activity includes cutting, stabbing, or fansigning³. Members of the groups threaten to share sexually explicit videos or photos of the minor victims with their family, friends, and/or post to the internet. The groups control their victims through extreme fear and many members have an end-goal of forcing the minors they extort into committing suicide on live-stream for their own entertainment or their own sense of fame.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The FBI urges the public to exercise caution when posting or direct messaging personal photos, videos, and identifying information on social media, dating apps, and other online sites. Although seemingly innocuous when posted or shared, the images and videos can provide malicious actors an abundant supply of content to exploit for criminal activity. Advancements in content creation technology and accessible personal images online present new opportunities for malicious actors to find and target minor victims. This leaves them vulnerable to embarrassment, harassment, extortion, financial loss, or continued long-term re-victimization. Further, the FBI recommends looking out for warning signs indicating a minor may be experiencing self-harm or suicidal ideations. Being able to recognize the warning signs of self-harm will help you provide immediate support.

The FBI recommends the public consider the following warning signs regarding self-harm or suicide:

- Sudden behavior changes such as becoming withdrawn, moody, or irritable.
- Sudden changes in appearance, especially neglect of appearance.
- Changes in eating or sleeping habits.
- Dropping out of activities and becoming more isolated and withdrawn.
- Scars, often in patterns.
- Fresh cuts, scratches, bruises, bite marks, burns, or other wounds.
- Carvings, such as words or symbols, on the skin.
- Wearing long sleeves or pants in hot weather.
- Threatening to commit suicide and openly talking about death, not being wanted or needed or not being around.

The FBI recommends the public consider the following when sharing content (e.g., photos and videos) or engaging with individuals online:

- Monitor children's online activity and discuss risks associated with sharing personal content.

- Use discretion when posting images, videos, and personal content online, particularly those that include children or their information.
 - Images, videos, or personal information posted online can be captured, manipulated, and distributed by malicious actors without your knowledge or consent.
 - Once content is shared on the internet, it can be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to remove once it is circulated or posted by other parties.
- Run frequent online searches of you and your children's information (e.g., full name, address, phone number, etc.) to help identify the exposure and spread of personal information on the internet.
- Apply privacy settings on social media accounts—including setting profiles and your friends' lists as private—to limit the public exposure of your photos, videos, and other personal information.
- Consider using reverse image search engines to locate any photos or videos that have circulated on the internet without your knowledge.
- Exercise caution when accepting friend requests, communicating, engaging in video conversations, or sending images to individuals, you do not know personally. Be especially wary of individuals who immediately ask or pressure you to provide them photos or videos. Those items could be screen-captured, recorded, manipulated, shared without your knowledge or consent, and used to exploit you or someone you know.
- Do not provide any unknown or unfamiliar individuals with money or other items of value. Complying with malicious actors does not guarantee your sensitive photos or content will not be shared.
- Use discretion when interacting with known individuals online who appear to be acting outside their normal pattern of behavior. Malicious actors can easily manipulate hacked social media accounts.
- Secure social media and other online accounts using complex passwords or passphrases and multi-factor authentication.
- Research the privacy, data sharing, and data retention policies of social media platforms, apps, and websites before uploading and sharing images, videos, or other personal content.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

If you are worried about someone who might be self-harming or is at risk of suicide the following resources may help:

- Consult your pediatrician or other health care provider who can provide an initial evaluation or a referral to a mental health professional.
- Connecting your child to a mental health resource can help them learn healthy coping skills for intense emotions and help reduce the risk of a serious injury.
- If it is an immediate, life-threatening emergency dial 9-1-1.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children provides a free service known as **Take It Down**, which helps minor victims, even if they are now an adult, but were victimized as a minor, with online image or video files, remove or stop the online sharing of nude, or sexually explicit content taken while under 18 years old. For more information, visit <https://takeitdown.ncmec.org>.

If you believe you are the victim of a crime using these types of tactics, retain all information regarding the incident (e.g., usernames, email addresses, websites or names of platforms used for communication, photos, videos, etc.) and immediately report it to:

- FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov
- FBI Field Office [www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices or 1-800-CALL-FBI (225-5324)]
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (1-800-THE LOST or www.cybertipline.org)

Reporting these crimes can help law enforcement identify malicious actors and prevent further victimization.

¹SWAT also referred to as SWATTING is the action or practice of making a prank call to police or emergency services in an attempt bring about the dispatch of armed police officers such as a SWAT team to a particular address.

²DOX also referred to as DOXXING is the action of obtaining and publishing personally identifiable information (PII) on the internet, usually for malicious intent.

³Fansigning is writing or cutting specific numbers, letters, symbols, or names onto your body.



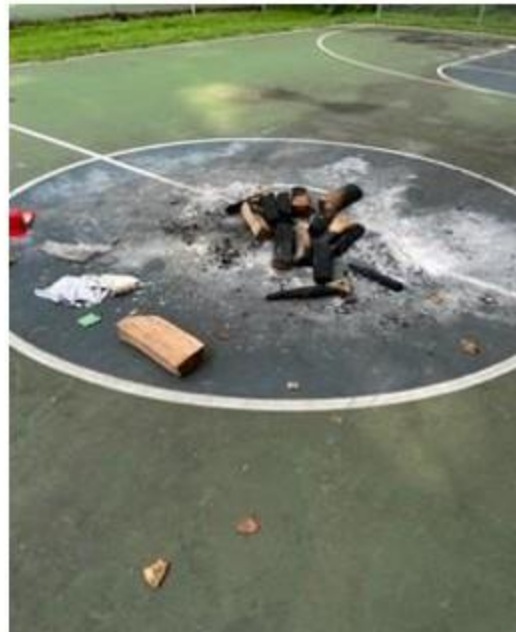
Vienna Police Department

INFORMATION BULLETIN

FOR PUBLIC DISSEMINATION

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

On Friday, July 28, 2023, around 10:00 pm, two high school or early college age, white males built a "camp fire" on the Glyndon Park basketball court. The fire caused significant damage to the court surface.



If you have any information regarding this fire, please contact Det. Patrick Crandall, patrick.crandall@viennava.gov or Det. Bradley Reedy, bradley.reedy@viennava.gov (703) 386-4008, reference case number 2023-7214

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Vienna Police Department



The emergency technology company, **RapidSOS**, has partnered with the American Heart Association, American Red Cross, and Direct Relief to sponsor a no-cost voluntary health database. RapidSOS is an intelligent safety platform that securely links life-saving data from 500M+ connected devices, apps, and sensors from 90+ global technology companies to over 450,000 first responders across 15,000 agencies nationwide. Whether there's an unsafe moment or an emergency, RapidSOS Ready devices, homes, or buildings deliver essential data to first responders when it matters most.

Town of Vienna residents may create a free emergency health profile that can be easily shared with first responders during a crisis or emergency to ensure they can access your critical health and medical information when you need help. Your created profile provides real-time details about your medical history, emergency contacts, allergies, etc. It only takes a few minutes to set up and is voluntary.

You can enter behavioral health information, pre-existing medical conditions, allergies, emergency contacts, and other relevant details into the database. This information is associated with your mobile phone number and will only be available to first responders when they receive an emergency call from your provided telephone number. You can choose the amount of information you provide based on your discretion.

Regularly reviewing and updating your profile is vital to ensure first responders have the most up-to-date information, especially after significant health or life changes.

We encourage Vienna residents to take the first step in ensuring their safety during an emergency by creating a free emergency health profile today at <https://www.emergencyprofile.org/>.

