



# VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

September 29, 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 22, 2023 to September 28, 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](mailto: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**

### **Petit Larceny 23-008921**

**600 Block Valley Drive, SE**

**Between May 17 at 12:00 a.m. and June 2 at 11:59 p.m.**

On September 22, a resident reported the license plates from two of his vehicles were stolen between mid-May and early June.

### **Fraud 23-008973**

**600 Block Tapawingo Road, SW**

**September 15 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.**

Fairfax County Adult Protective Services reported an elderly resident who they believed may have been financially exploited after the bank reported large sums of money being withdrawn from her bank account. A detective spoke to the resident who advised no crime was being committed against her and she declined any police services or assistance.

### **Suspicious Event 23-008949**

**200 Block Cedar Lane, SE**

**September 21 between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.**

On September 23, a juvenile resident reported a suspicious encounter with a man two days earlier. The juvenile advised she was approached by a suspicious man at the shopping center behind Toby's Ice Cream, who was trying to engage her in conversation. She told the man to leave her alone and ran into the Dollar Tree store. Later, the man approached her again in front of her apartment building. The juvenile yelled at him, and he ran off.

### **Emotionally Disturbed Person 23-008897**

**Glyndon Street, SE**

**September 22 12:20 a.m.**

A resident made some concerning statements to a call taker with a mental health hotline. When officers went to check on his welfare, his family members found he had left the home. Officers located the man out walking a short time later and he safely returned home. Mental health personnel responded to evaluate the man.

### **Open Door 23-008898**

**500 Block Valley Drive, SE**

**September 22 12:38 a.m.**

Officers responding to a residential alarm found an unsecured door. The officers searched the home and found nothing appeared suspicious.

### **Found Property 23-008933**

**900 Block Glyndon Street, SE**

**September 22 4:27 p.m.**

A citizen turned in a found Apple watch.

**Emotionally Disturbed Person 23-008955**

**Merrifield Mental Health Center**

**September 23 9:49 p.m.**

Ofc. Harshfield responded to an area hospital to serve a Temporary Detention Order on a resident who went to the hospital seeking mental health treatment. The resident was eventually released to the care of her husband and will follow up with her doctor.

**Emotionally Disturbed Person 23-009015**

**Center Street, North**

**September 26 9:47 a.m.**

Officers responded to check on the welfare of a resident who made concerning statements to her healthcare provider. While officers were speaking to the resident's husband, she returned home in an agitated state. Ofc. Ebrahimi transported the woman to a medical facility on an Emergency Custody Order for evaluation.

**Suspicious Event 23-009019**

**115 Park Street, SE**

**September 26 9:58 a.m.**

An employee reported an incident from earlier in the morning where a man entered the building, entered the stairwell, and began undressing and cleaning himself. The man left after other people came into the building.

**Found Property 23-009020**

**Whole Foods**

**143 Maple Avenue, East**

**September 26 11:40 a.m.**

A citizen found a cell phone in the bushes near Whole Foods and turned it in to the receptionist at Town Hall.

**Arrest – Assault 23-009023 and 23-009036**

**150 Branch Road, SE**

**September 26 12:42 p.m.**

A citizen observed a man screaming and pushing a woman in the parking lot. It was determined the man suffered from medical issues and was acting aggressively toward his wife. As PFC Keyser approached the man, he assaulted her. The man was taken into custody. Rescue personnel responded to assess the man for a minor injury he sustained during the altercation.

PFC Keyser transported the 69-year-old man from Garrett Street in Vienna to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer. The man's wife refused to pursue charges against him.

**Arrest – Warrant Service 23-009034**  
**Fairfax County Courthouse**  
**10520 Judicial Drive, Fairfax, Virginia**  
**September 26 3:34 p.m.**

An officer was attending a hearing on a case when he found the defendant had an outstanding warrant in Maryland charging Failure to Appear on Driving Without a License.

After the hearing, Fairfax County Sheriff Deputies assisted Detective Crandall in arresting and transporting the 33-year-old man from Youngs Drive in Haymarket, Virginia from the courthouse to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Detective Crandall served a warrant charging Fugitive From Justice on the man.

**Fraud 23-009035**  
**600 Block Yeonas Drive, SW**  
**September 26 4:08 p.m.**

A resident reported someone used her personal information to file an unemployment claim.

**Police Service 23-009069**  
**200 Block West Street, NW**  
**Between September 27 at 12:00 p.m. and September 28 at 7:00 a.m.**

A resident, who is estranged from his wife, requested a welfare check on his children. The wife and children were located at a friend's home.

**Petit Larceny 23-009091**  
**Orangetheory Fitness**  
**127 Maple Avenue, West**  
**September 28 5:00 p.m.**

A citizen reported her bicycle was stolen from in front of the fitness center by an unknown man.

**Driving While Intoxicated and Accident 23-009100**  
**300 Block Center Street, North**  
**September 28 11:41 p.m.**

Officers responded to the report of an accident. Vehicle-1 was northbound on Center Street, North when the driver crashed into a utility pole. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, he detected signs of impairment. The driver failed to perform a series of field sobriety tests.

Ofc. Garcia arrested the 54-year-old man from Tazewell Road, NW in Vienna. He was transported to the Vienna Police Station where he refused the opportunity to provide a sample of his breath for analysis. The man was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Refusal.

## **CASE UPDATES**

None

## **CRASHES**

**300 Block Maple Avenue, West 23-008932**

**September 22 4:30 p.m.**

Vehicle-1 and Vehicle-2 were traveling westbound on Maple Avenue in the left lane. Vehicle-2 stopped for the pedestrian crosswalk. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

**Maple Avenue and Beulah Road, NE 23-008961**

**September 24 3:30 p.m.**

The driver of a vehicle parked their car in the parking lot and failed to put the car in park. The vehicle rolled out onto the roadway, striking another vehicle and a pedestrian crosswalk signal, causing minor damage to the cars and signal.

**Nutley Street and Tapawingo Road, SW 23-009060**

**September 27 4:09 p.m.**

Vehicle-1 was turning left from westbound Tapawingo Road onto southbound Nutley Street when they struck a pedestrian in the crosswalk. The pedestrian was transported to an area hospital by rescue personnel with non-life-threatening injuries.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Reckless Driving.

**Please contact Ruth Rohr for further information on any of these cases at [Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov](mailto:Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov) or 703-255-6324.**

## **CITIZEN NOTES**



### **Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release**

#### **Vienna Police Department to Participate in the DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative**

**Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

In conjunction with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) 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 October 28, 2023, between 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 temporary facility 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 into 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.

DEA will collect vape pens or other e-cigarette devices from consumers only after the batteries are removed. It is important to stress that the DEA is not responsible for removing batteries from the devices.

**Intravenous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted due to associated hazards (The only exemption is EpiPens).**

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

For DEA Authorized Collectors that provide year-round drop-off locations to the public to dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals, go to [Controlled Substance Public Disposal Locations](#).

**For further information, please contact:  
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**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](http://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 SWAT<sup>1</sup> or DOX<sup>2</sup> 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 fansigning<sup>3</sup>. 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](http://www.ic3.gov)
- FBI Field Office [[www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices](http://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](http://www.cybertipline.org))

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

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<sup>1</sup>SWAT 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.

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

<sup>3</sup>Fansigning 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](mailto:patrick.crandall@viennava.gov) or Det. Bradley Reedy, [bradley.reedy@viennava.gov](mailto: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/>.

