



## **VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS**

**November 10, 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 November 3, 2023 to November 9, 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 Juan Vazquez for further information at [Juan.vazquez@viennava.gov](mailto:Juan.vazquez@viennava.gov))

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**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.**

### **Mayor and Chief at Your Service – Holiday Safety**

You may love the holiday season for its spirit of giving, merriment, and the quest to purchase the perfect gifts for loved ones. Do you know who else loves the holidays? Scammers and thieves looking for opportunities to target you and your home. From online shopping to in-store buying to those perfectly wrapped presents under the tree, the winter holidays ring in crime time during what’s supposed to be the season of goodwill.

Find out how you can avoid becoming a victim at the next Mayor & Chief at Your Service forum on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 7 p.m. at the Vienna Police Department Community Room. Mayor Linda Colbert and Police Chief Jim Morris will provide tips on how you and your family can stay safe this holiday season. The Mayor and Chief will also be available to answer questions about any matter in Vienna. Refreshments will be served. The Vienna Police Department is located at 215 Center St. S., Vienna.

**Animal Case – Quarantine 23-010215**

**400 Block Orleans Circle, SW**

**October 24 10:00 a.m.**

The Health Department reported a resident was walking in the DeSale Street and Cedar Lane, SW area when she passed a person walking their dog, and the dog bit her. The resident did not get the owner's information and was unable to provide ACO Barker with a description of the owner or the dog.

**Suspicious Event 23-010360**

**100 Block Cunningham Park Court, SE**

**Between October 28 at 12:00 a.m. and November 7 at 4:17 a.m.**

A resident received harassing telephone calls from an unknown person using obscene language.

**Suspicious Event 23-010184**

**100 Block Rachel Lane, SW**

**October 31 3:30 p.m.**

On November 1, a juvenile resident reported an incident from the previous afternoon. The juvenile was near the school bus stop when the unknown driver of an SUV dressed in a costume began making inappropriate comments to her.

**Suspicious Event 23-010217**

**100 Block Patrick Street, SE**

**November 2 12:55 p.m.**

A resident reported a dispute she had with her boyfriend.

**Police Service 23-010230**

**1000 Block Pekay Street, SW**

**November 2 7:00 p.m.**

A resident reported damage to their vehicle from a utility line. An officer determined it was a cable line, removed it from the roadway, and found the damage to the vehicle was not consistent with damage made by a cable line.

**Open Door 23-010237**

**Chick-Fil-A**

**538 Maple Avenue, West**

**November 3 5:13 a.m.**

Officers responding to the report of an alarm found an unlocked door. The officers searched the restaurant and found nothing suspicious.

**Juvenile Case 23-010261**

**Cedar Lane School**

**101 Cedar Lane, SW**

**November 3 10:04 a.m.**

A staff member requested assistance with a student who was caught smoking from a vape in the school. The student became disorderly with a security officer and was found in possession of marijuana vapes. A relative was called to the school to take custody of the student.

**Suspicious Event 23-010262**

**300 Block Lewis Street, NW**

**November 3 10:11 a.m.**

A resident was concerned that her ex-husband might violate their custody agreement.

**Fraud 23-010263**

**900 Block Fairway Drive, NE**

**November 3 10:18 a.m.**

A resident has been receiving communications from a debt collector regarding an overdue bill from an AT&T account that she and her husband never opened.

**Suspicious Event 23-010266**

**Fresh Market**

**150 Branch Road, Se**

**November 3 12:06 p.m.**

A woman reported a man approached the driver's side of her vehicle. When she told the man to go away, the man stated he was not going to hurt her and went to his vehicle. Officers searched the area but did not locate the man.

**Assist EMS 23-010281**

**100 Block Maple Avenue, East**

**November 3 6:16 p.m.**

Officers responded to assist with a man suffering a medical emergency. Rescue personnel transported the man to an area hospital for treatment.

**Open Door 23-010292**

**100 Block Courthouse Road, SW**

**November 4 9:01 a.m.**

Officers responded to the report of an open door at a vacant house. The officers searched the house and found nothing appeared suspicious. The property management company secured the residence.

**Grand Larceny 23-010312**

**Panera**

**136 Maple Avenue, West**

**November 4 between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

On November 5, a citizen reported that her credit cards were stolen from her purse while eating lunch at Panera Bread the previous day. The citizen's bank notified her of large transactions on the cards at various stores in Tyson's.

**Animal Case – Quarantine 23-010362**

**500 Block Hillcrest Drive, SW**

**November 4 12:00 p.m.**

A mailman was delivering mail when the resident's dog bit him, causing a minor injury. The owner of the dog was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

**Assault 23-010300**

**Giant Food**

**359 Maple Avenue, East**

**November 4 2:25 p.m.**

A citizen reported a dispute he had with an employee. He stated he began filming the employee with his phone, and the employee grabbed his wrist, trying to take the phone. The citizen was advised of the warrant process should he wish to pursue charges. The employee advised the citizen had stolen from the store in the past, and they wanted to trespass him from the premises. The citizen was informed he would be arrested for trespassing if he returned to the store. The officer found there was an unserved protective order against the citizen in Loudoun County. The man left the area prior to confirmation from Loudoun County.

**Trespassing 23-010334**

**100 Block Patrick Street, SE**

**November 6 11:42 a.m.**

Officers responded to a dispute between a resident and her adult son. The resident requested the son be trespassed from her apartment. Officers advised the man of the trespass notice and that he would be arrested if he returned.

**Assault 23-010337**

**600 Block Glyndon Street, NE**

**November 6 1:18 p.m.**

A citizen advised that a friend asked him to meet her and walk on the W&OD Trail. The friend led the citizen to a secluded area of Northside Park where another acquaintance of theirs jumped from behind a bush and physically assaulted him, causing minor injury. The citizen declined to press any charges. All parties were advised to avoid contact with each other.

**Police Service 23-0010352**  
**200 Block Cedar Lane, SE**  
**November 7 1:08 a.m.**

A resident requested a welfare check on a relative in Fairfax County. A teletype was sent to the Fairfax County Police Department to conduct the welfare check.

**Animal Case – Quarantine 23-010400**  
**1000 Block Glyndon Street, SE**  
**November 7 12:00 p.m.**

A resident reported that her dog got into a fight with a raccoon on her back deck. The dog was taken to a veterinarian for a rabies booster. The owner of the dog was advised of the 45-day quarantine.

**Suspicious Event 23-010373**  
**Vienna Community Center**  
**120 Cherry Street, SE**  
**November 7 12:24 p.m.**

During the voting hours on election day, several complaints were made from voters and pollsters regarding a candidate who had a large truck with screens and speakers too close to the polling station. Officers informed the candidate and the truck driver of the State Code, which prohibited them from sounding the ads within 300 feet of the polling station.

**Suspicious Event 23-010379**  
**200 Block Courthouse Road, SW**  
**November 7 2:22 p.m.**

A resident reported issues with her adult daughter who was throwing things around the house and taking the television remote. The resident wanted her daughter to leave the house. The officers advised the resident of the eviction process and the two parties agreed to stay away from each other.

## **CASE UPDATES**

None

## **CRASHES**

**301 Maple Avenue, West 23-010408**  
**November 8 9:50 a.m.**

Vehicle-1 and Vehicle-2 were traveling northbound. Vehicle-2 slowed down due to the presence of a flashing red crosswalk signal. Vehicle-1 was following too closely and rear-ended Vehicle-2. Rescue responded to check a driver with neck pain.

**Please contact Juan Vazquez for further information on any of these cases at [Juan.vazquez@viennava.gov](mailto:Juan.vazquez@viennava.gov) or 703-255-7845.**

## **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](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/>.

