



# VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

December 1, 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 23, 2023 to November 30, 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))

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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.

## **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**

### **Police Service 23-010747**

#### **Hillsborough, North Carolina**

**Between November 11 at 10:00 a.m. and November 19 at 3:00 p.m.**

A citizen reported they purchased a dog through an online website. They drove from North Carolina to pick up the dog, but when they arrived at the Vienna address they found it was a scam. The citizen was advised to file a fraud report with their home police jurisdiction.

### **Stolen Vehicle 23-010886**

#### **700 Block Nutley Street, SW**

**November 14 6:00 p.m.**

On November 24, a resident reported his vehicle was stolen from their driveway on November 14.

### **Suspicious Event 23-010815**

#### **800 Block Plum Street, SW**

**November 15 2:21 p.m.**

A resident reported unknown individuals were posting personal information on social media about her family, including her tax records.

### **Fraud 23-010807**

#### **400 Block Course Street, NE**

**November 17 between 12:01 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

A resident reported someone stole a check from his mailbox, altered it, and attempted to cash it.

### **Animal Case – Quarantine 23-010806**

#### **Veterinary Surgical Centers**

#### **124 Park Street, SE**

**November 17 12:00 p.m.**

On November 21, the Health Department reported an employee was bitten by a dog during a procedure. The dog had been released to its owner in Great Falls, Virginia. The case was forwarded to the Fairfax County Animal Control.

### **Suspicious Event 23-010746**

#### **Kingsley Street and Cottage Street, SW**

**November 19 3:08 p.m.**

A resident reported he was in the crosswalk when a driver in a white van hauling a trailer ran the stop sign and almost struck him.

**Fraud 23-010748**

**Panera**

**136 Maple Avenue, West**

**November 19 4:34 p.m.**

A resident reported she left her purse on the back of her chair while eating at Panera. A short time later, she began receiving alerts for fraudulent charges on her credit cards at Tysons Corner Mall. The resident still had the cards in her wallet, but the numbers had been compromised.

**Suspicious Event 23-010779**

**100 Block Glyndon Street, NE**

**November 20 12:16 p.m.**

A resident reported a contractor working on her home attempted to hit her with a piece of metal. The contractor advised he was tossing the metal into the trash, not toward the resident. At the request of the resident, the contractor was trespassed from the premises. The resident was advised of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges.

**Police Service 23-010816**

**200 Block Audreys Court, SE**

**November 21 3:00 p.m.**

A resident brought in ammunition for destruction.

**Vandalism 23-010894 and 23-010897**

**400 Block Blair Road, NW**

**Between November 21 at 6:00 p.m. and November 23 at 6:00 p.m.**

Residents reported eggs were thrown at their vehicles.

**Trespassing 23-010840**

**Precision MicroEndodontics**

**407 Church Street, NE, Suite F**

**November 22 11:35 a.m.**

The staff reported a patient who was being belligerent in the office and refusing to leave. The patient advised through an interpreter that he was in pain during a medical procedure and began kicking his legs. The staff advised the way the man was reacting during the procedure was causing safety issues. At the request of the staff, the man was trespassed from the office.

**Emotionally Disturbed Person 23-010851**

**Vienna Gun and Gold**

**386 Maple Avenue, East**

**November 22 2:25 p.m.**

A doctor reported her patient was upset and making threats. Officers were able to make contact with the man, who advised them that he wanted medical assistance. Ofc. Temple transported the man to a medical facility for evaluation and treatment.

**Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 23-010863**

**500 Block Maple Avenue, West**

**November 23 2:23 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 signs of impairment. The driver failed to complete a series of field sobriety tests and was taken into custody.

PFC Garcia transported the 24-year-old man from N. Thomas Street in Arlington, Virginia to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

**Suspicious Event 23-010870**

**Westwood Country Club**

**800 Maple Avenue, East**

**November 23 11:33 a.m.**

An employee reported a recently terminated employee was sending harassing text and voice messages to their former manager. The manager resides in Fairfax County and was advised to report the matter to the Fairfax County Police.

**Suspicious Event 23-010884**

**200 Block Cedar Lane, SE**

**November 24 3:00 a.m.**

A resident, who lives in her daughter's apartment, reported an argument escalated when her daughter threatened her and removed her bedroom door. The daughter reported there were no threats made.

**Lost Property 23-010949**

**300 Block Ainstree Court, NE**

**Between November 24 at 8:00 a.m. and November 25 at 3:00 p.m.**

A resident reported she lost her wallet.

**Animal Case – Quarantine 23-010946**

**200 Block Locust Street, SE**

**November 24 12:00 p.m.**

On November 27, the Health Department reported a resident was bitten by her cat during a visit to the veterinarian. The resident was advised of the quarantine procedure.

**Suspicious Event 23-010893**

**Navy Federal Credit Union**

**1007 Electric Avenue, SE**

**November 24 between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.**

An employee reported a friend, who was just released from the hospital that morning, was waiting for him in his vehicle in the parking lot while he was at work. When the employee returned to his vehicle, both his friend and vehicle were missing. The employee was advised to follow up with the police jurisdiction where his friend resides.

**Found Property 23-010885**

**100 Block Church Street, NW**

**November 24 2:50 p.m.**

A citizen turned in a handicap placard they found in the area.

**Arrest – Assault and Drunk In Public 23-010895**

**Chipotle**

**213 Maple Avenue, East**

**November 24 5:24 p.m.**

A woman was at the soda fountain when a man approached her from behind and assaulted her.

PFC Stroh arrested the 44-year-old man from Cedar Lane, SE in Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Assault and Drunk In Public and was held without bond.

**Police Service 23-010913**

**600 Block Echols Street, SE**

**November 25 5:00 p.m.**

A resident was walking her dog when her neighbor approached her aggressively after the dog urinated on his lawn. An officer responded to help resolve the dispute between the neighbors.

**Domestic Dispute 23-010974**

**Nutley Street, SW**

**November 28 10:33 a.m.**

The staff from Appletree Daycare reported they had a woman at their facility who appeared to be in distress and was with her young child. The woman advised she left her home on Nutley Street after arguing with her husband. The officers spoke to the husband, determined no assault occurred, and the woman returned home.

**Grand Larceny 23-011027**

**Glyndon Park**

**300 Glyndon Street, NE**

**November 29 between 3:00 p.m. and 4:01 p.m.**

A resident left her wallet in her unlocked vehicle at the park. She realized her wallet had been stolen when she began getting alerts from her bank regarding suspicious transactions on her credit cards.

**CASE UPDATES**

None

**CRASHES**

**1400 Block Cottage Street, SW 23-010841**

**November 22 11:42 a.m.**

Vehicle-2 was legally parked facing northbound on Cottage Street. Vehicle-1 sideswiped Vehicle-2 and left the area without providing their information.

**Maple Avenue and Park Street, SE 23-010856**

**November 22 4:55 p.m.**

Pedestrian-1 was on a motorized scooter traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue in the right lane. Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Maple Avenue, turning left onto southbound Park Street. Pedestrian-1 disregarded the red traffic light and collided with Vehicle-1 in the intersection. Pedestrian-1 was transported by rescue personnel to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

**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

The Vienna Police Department is proud to once again participate with the Fairfax County Police and other local police agencies in the Santa's Ride, bringing gifts to children in local hospitals this holiday season. Please contact Ruth Rohr if you have any questions at 703-255-6324.

Please drop off your new unwrapped toys and books at the Vienna Police Station – 215 Center St., S, the Vienna Town Hall – 127 Center St., S (Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.), or the Vienna Community Center – 120 Cherry St., SE. **Please make your donation before 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 10.**

**\*\*If you would prefer not to drop your donations off in person, you can do your online shopping and have your donation shipped directly to the Vienna Police Station.\*\***

**Santa's Ride 2023** DECEMBER 12, 2023

Presented by the Fairfax County Police Motor Squad with the support of

FAIRFAX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ● FAIRFAX CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT ● FALLS CHURCH SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
VIENNA POLICE DEPARTMENT ● VIRGINIA STATE POLICE ● HERNDON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
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Donate NEW unwrapped toys, games, books and gifts to be distributed to children at Fairfax Hospital and to the children in the community who might not otherwise have a cheerful holiday season!

ANDREW CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ● PENDER HILL PRE-SCHOOL  
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SAINT TIMOTHY CATHOLIC SCHOOL ● GREENTREE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
SAINT AMBROSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ● HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL  
OAKWOOD SCHOOL ● WORD OF LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO ANY FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE STATION, ANY OF THE ABOVE SCHOOLS, THE LOBBY OF PENNING AND HERRITY OFFICE BUILDINGS OR THE GOVERNMENT CENTER NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 10.

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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

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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/>.

