



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

December 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 December 8, 2023 to December 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 Juan Vazquez for further information at Juan.vazquez@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

Fraud 23-011289

Karin's Florist

527 Maple Avenue, East

Between November 3 at 12:00 p.m. and November 11 at 12:00 p.m.

An employee reported a former employee stole the store's gas credit card and made unauthorized purchases on it.

Lost Property 23-011460

400 Block Council Drive, NE

Between November 21 at 12:00 p.m. and December 14 at 10:18 a.m.

A resident reported losing a ring.

Fraud 23-011427

900 Block Fairway Drive, NE

November 23 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported a check, that was previously reported as stolen, had been forged and cashed.

Animal Case 23-011287

500 Block Highland Street, NW

December 8 9:00 a.m.

A resident found a dog running at large. ACO Barker was unable to locate the owner of the dog and transported it to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

Fraud 23-011302

Wells Fargo Bank

212 Maple Avenue, East

December 8 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

A citizen lost his wallet at the bank. A few hours later, he received an alert regarding fraudulent activity when someone attempted to make an unauthorized transaction on his credit card.

Fraud 23-011386

1000 Park Street, SE

December 8 1:00 p.m.

On December 11, a resident reported unauthorized transactions on his business bank account.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 23-011323
Old Courthouse Road and Chain Bridge Road
December 9 1:07 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, they detected signs of impairment. The driver failed to complete a series of field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest.

MPO Reedy transported the 31-year-old woman from Bayswater Terrace in Sterling, Virginia to the Vienna Police Station where she was offered the opportunity to provide a sample of her breath for analysis. She was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

Vandalism 23-011330
The Clock Shop of Vienna
109 Church Street, NW
December 9 10:00 a.m.

Someone cut a cable that was used to prevent unauthorized vehicles from parking in the private lot behind the shop.

Grand Larceny 23-011347
Whole Foods
143 Maple Avenue, East
December 9 10:08 p.m.

A citizen reported her purse was stolen from Whole Foods and unauthorized transactions were made on her credit card at Tysons a short time later.

Open Door 23-011362
Westwood Country Club
800 Maple Avenue, East
December 10 10:37 p.m.

Officers responding to an alarm at the country club found an open door. The officers searched the building and found nothing appeared suspicious. An employee responded and secured the door.

Grand Larceny 23-011387
CVS
337 Maple Avenue, East
December 11 between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

An employee reported a shoplifting that occurred a few hours earlier when two men entered the store and stole razor blades and medications from a shelf.

Stolen Vehicle Recovery 23-011388

McDonald's

544 Maple Avenue, West

December 11 11:43 p.m.

An officer located a stolen vehicle in the parking lot. The vehicle was stolen from Prince George's County, Maryland where it had also been used in the commission of a felony. Further investigation determined the vehicle was abandoned by the suspect in the case a few days prior.

Threats 23-011407

400 Block Moorefield Road, SW

December 12 8:00 p.m.

A resident reported their juvenile daughter is receiving threatening messages from a classmate.

Found Property 23-011439

Giant Food

359 Maple Avenue, East

December 13 5:20 p.m.

A citizen reported a backpack they found in the parking lot. The backpack appeared to be abandoned property, containing construction tools.

Civil Dispute 23-01441

100 Block Lewis Street, NW

December 13 6:30 p.m.

Officers responded to a verbal dispute between a landlord and tenant.

Threats 23-011445

The Maple Room

377 Maple Avenue, West

December 13 between 10:00 p.m. and 10:56 p.m.

An employee reported a woman making threatening phone calls to harm two of the employees at the restaurant. An officer explained the warrant process should the employees wish to pursue charges.

Vandalism 23-011455

400 Block Wolftrap Road, SE

Between December 13 at 10:00 p.m. and December 14 at 8:00 a.m.

A resident reported graffiti was spray painted on the roadway in front of his home.

Arrest – Warrant Service 23-011456

600 Block Blackstone Terrace, NW

December 14 8:53 a.m.

The Volusia County, Florida Sheriff's Department sent a teletype requesting officers attempt to locate a man at his home address who they had an active capias for. Officers responded to the home and arrested the 53-year-old man. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged as a Fugitive From Justice and held without bond pending extradition to Florida.

Civil 23-11459

Caffe Amouri

107 Church Street, NE

December 14 10:00 a.m.

Officers responded to a verbal dispute between an employee and his boss.

Stolen Vehicle 23-011469

Bikes@Vienna

128 Church Street, NW

December 14 5:30 p.m.

An employee reported a man took an eBike for a test ride and never returned it.

CASE UPDATES

None

CRASHES

Cottage Street and Locust Street, SW 23-011103

December 1 7:12 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling southbound on Cottage Street and Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Locust Street when the two vehicles collided in the intersection.

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

300 Block Maple Avenue, East 23-011155

December 3 3:24 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound on Maple Avenue when the passenger side mirror of Vehicle-1 scratched the side of Vehicle-2.

103 Center Street, North 23-011197

December 5 11:30 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was attempting to back into a parking space in the parking lot when it went over the curb and struck the light pole, knocking it over into the roadway.

143 Maple Avenue, East 23-011210

December 5 5:45 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling in the left eastbound lane on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 exited a parking lot to turn left onto Maple Avenue and struck Vehicle-2 causing minor damage. Driver-1 fled the scene without stopping to provide their information.

900 Block Symphony Circle, SW 23-011288

December 8 10:09 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on the roadway. Vehicle-1, a Town of Vienna truck, struck Vehicle-2 as they tried to pass causing minor damage to both vehicles.

200 Block Maple Avenue, West 23-011402

December 12 5:30 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was westbound in the center turn lane, attempting to turn left into a parking lot. Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound, attempting to get into the center lane that becomes a left turn lane for the traffic light, and struck Vehicle-2.

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

308 Maple Avenue, West 23-011463

December 14 1:40 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was entering Maple Avenue from a parking lot when the two vehicles collided.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Stop When Entering a Highway.

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



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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/>.

