



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

December 21, 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 15, 2023 to December 20, 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

Civil Dispute 23-011507

500 Block Spring Street, SE

Between October 24 at 12:00 a.m. and October 31 at 11:59 p.m.

A resident paid a car repairman to repair and repaint her vehicle. The resident advised the work was done poorly and she believes the repair was a scam. An officer informed the citizen that it was a civil matter.

Petit Larceny 23-010994

Truist Bank

521 Maple Avenue, East

November 28 11:00 a.m.

A citizen reported someone stole a license plate and an EZ-Pass from their work van while it was parked in the parking lot.

Animal Case – Quarantine 23-011480

300 Block Park Street, NE

December 5 12:00 p.m.

On December 8, the Health Department reported a citizen was bitten by a dog and assistance was needed to locate and identify the animal. The citizen advised she found a dog running at large and was trying to find its owner when she suffered a minor bite. Attempts to locate the dog or its owner were unsuccessful.

Assault 23-011367

400 Block Center Street, South

December 11 7:52 a.m.

A resident reported he was assaulted by his roommate. The resident was advised of the warrant process should he wish to pursue charges. The roommate, who is in the process of moving out, agreed to leave the home and return at a later time to retrieve his belongings.

Fraud 23-011498

900 Block Frederick Street, SW

Between December 14 at 12:00 a.m. and December 15 at 2:34 p.m.

A resident reported his bank notified him of suspicious activity involving three of his bank accounts.

Arrest – Domestic Assault 23-011624

Patrick Street, SE

December 14 10:00 p.m.

A resident came to the police station to report a domestic assault that occurred when a verbal disagreement with his girlfriend escalated, and she assaulted him.

PFC Keyser arrested and charged the 21-year-old woman from Patrick Street, SE, Vienna, with Domestic Assault. An Emergency Protective Order was also served on her. The woman was released on a \$2,000 unsecured bond.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 23-011475

500 Block Maple Avenue, East

December 15 12:57 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 complete a series of field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest.

Sgt. Sheeran transported the 37-year-old woman from Linda Marie Drive in Oakton, Virginia to the Vienna Police Station where she was offered the opportunity to provide a sample of her breath for analysis, but she refused. The woman was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Refusal.

Found Property 23-011490

Chili Wok

335 Maple Avenue, East

December 15 10:55 a.m.

An employee reported he found a wallet in the parking lot on December 14.

Suspicious Event 23-11534

200 Block Park Terrace Court, SE

December 15 11:00 a.m.

A resident was having issues with her computer and called a number she found on Google for who she believed was the Geek Squad. The resident was directed to download an application on her computer to allow them remote access to fix the problem. The person she spoke with stated that her bank account had been hacked and convinced her that they were transferring her call to her bank. The resident answered various questions regarding her personal and financial information. The resident realized the scam before any money was taken from her account and took the appropriate action to safeguard her accounts.

Found Property 23-011504
Meadow Lane Park
400 Courthouse Road, SW
December 15 4:01 p.m.

A Citizen found an Airpod case at the park.

Natural Death 23-011558
Sunrise Senior Living
374 Maple Avenue, West
December 17 11:35 a.m.

Officers responded to assist rescue personnel with an unresponsive resident. Rescue personnel determined the woman, who suffered from medical issues, was deceased.

Animal Case – Quarantine 23-011620
300 Block East Street, NE
December 17 12:00 p.m.

On December 19, the Health Department reported a resident was bitten by her daughter's dog on December 17. The owner of the dog advised her mother was playing with the dog when it accidentally nipped her. The owner was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

Fraud 23-011635
Anita's Restaurant
521 Maple Avenue, East
December 18 between 12:00 a.m. and 1:01 p.m.

A citizen reported someone made an unauthorized purchase at Anita's Restaurant using his credit card.

Suspicious Event 23-011652
400 Block Holloway Court, NE
Between December 18 at 7:00 a.m. and December 19 at 10:00 a.m.

A resident reported he was notified of a virus on his computer and was instructed to call a computer solutions center. The resident provided the center with financial information for a protection plan payment. After speaking to his bank, the resident believes this may have been a scam. The bank worked with the resident to change their account information.

Open Door 23-011566
800 Block Plum Street, SW
December 18 8:59 a.m.

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

Open Door 23-011571
1000 Block Cottage Street, SW
December 18 10:24 a.m.

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

Domestic Dispute 23-011596
Vienna Police Station
215 Center Street, South
December 18 7:15 p.m.

Officers responded to assist with a parental custody exchange. The grandparents came to take custody instead of the father, however, they did not have any legal paperwork that permitted them to take the child.

Suspicious Event 23-011597
400 Block Adahi Road, SE
December 18 7:44 p.m.

A resident reported three individuals came to her home at different times stating they were there to pick up items they purchased on Facebook.

Police Service 23-011622
500 Block Alma Street, SE
December 19 12:00 p.m.

Adult Protective Services requested an officer check on the welfare of a resident they thought was being financially scammed. An officer spoke to the resident and determined no crime occurred.

Animal Case – Quarantine 23-011654
Hope Advanced Veterinary Center
140 Park Street, SE
December 19 12:00 p.m.

On December 20, the Health Department reported that a man was bitten by his dog when he picked him up after it had been hit by a vehicle. The canine is currently under medical care at the veterinary center. ACO Barker informed the individual about the 10-day quarantine for the dog.

Animal Case 23-011632
500 Block Hillcrest Drive, SW
December 19 4:41 p.m.

Officers responding to the report of an injured deer found the animal was in grave condition and euthanized the deer.

Lost Property 23-11637

Giant Food

359 Maple Avenue, East

December 19 8:56 p.m.

A resident reported he lost his iPhone at Giant.

Emergency Protective Order 23-011640

200 Block Locust Street, SE

December 19 8:40 p.m.

A resident obtained an Emergency Protective Order against her adult son. On December 20, the protective order was served on the man.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 23-011644

1000 Block Moorefield Creek Road, SW

December 20 1:14 a.m.

Officers responded to the report of a disorderly man in the area. Upon the officers' interaction with the man, they detected signs of intoxication.

PFC Rodriguez arrested the 40-year-old man from Farrington Avenue in Alexandria, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public.

CASE UPDATES

None

CRASHES

200 Block Church Street, NE 23-011392

December 12 9:46 a.m.

Two vehicles were eastbound on Church Street, NE. Vehicle-2 slowed for an emergency vehicle. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

Maple Avenue and Branch Road, SE 23-011570

December 13 5:15 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound in the right lane of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was traveling in the left lane, attempted to change lanes, and collided with Vehicle-2. Vehicle-1 fled the area without stopping to provide their information.

300 Block Maple Avenue, East 23-011467

December 14 7:45 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was eastbound on Maple Avenue, attempting to turn left into the parking lot of 320 Maple Avenue, East. Westbound vehicles were stopped. Vehicle-2 was in the right eastbound lane and struck Vehicle-1 as they made the turn.

300 Block Maple Avenue, East 23-011494

December 15 1:06 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was eastbound on Maple Avenue in the left lane. Vehicle-2 was eastbound on Maple Avenue in the right lane. Vehicle-1 was attempting to avoid an approaching emergency vehicle and collided with Vehicle-2 causing minor damage to both vehicles.

Park Street and Church Street, NE 23-011523

December 16 11:08 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was southbound on Park Street at the intersection of Church Street. Vehicle-1 was eastbound on Church Street, turning right onto Park Street when the two vehicles collided.

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

100 Block Maple Avenue, West 23-011536

December 16 2:00 p.m.

Three vehicles were traveling westbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2, pushing it into the rear of Vehicle-3. Driver-2 suffered a minor injury but refused rescue.

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

Nutley Street and Tapawingo Road, SW 23-011592

December 18 4:12 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was westbound on Tapawingo Road, entering the intersection of Nutley Street with a green traffic light. Vehicle-1 was southbound on Nutley Street. Vehicle-1 disregarded the red traffic signal and struck Vehicle-2 in the intersection.

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

Cottage Street and Kingsley Road, SW 23-011595

December 18 5:58 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling southbound on Cottage Street. Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound on Kingsley Road. After stopping at their stop signs, the two vehicles entered the intersection where they collided.

Nutley Street and Maple Avenue, SW 23-011630

December 19 2:50 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped for the red traffic light northbound on Nutley Street, turning right onto eastbound Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2 causing minor damage. Driver-2 complained of an injury but refused rescue.

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

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.



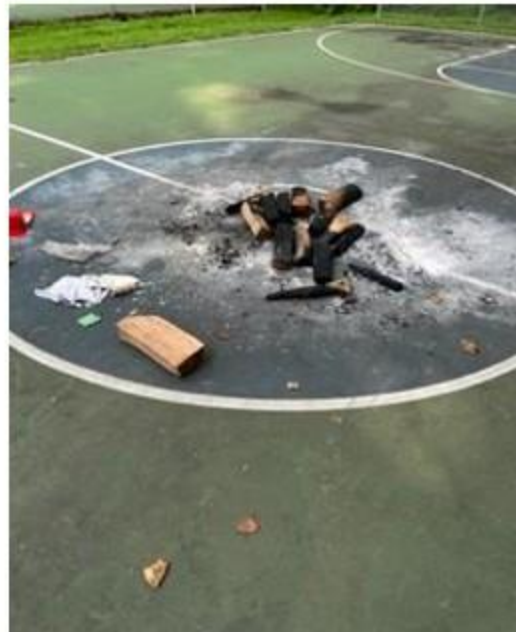
Vienna Police Department

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/>.

