



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

February 9, 2024

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from February 1, 2024 to February 8, 2024. 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 24-001323

100 Block Patrick Street, SW

Between January 10, 2022, 12:00 p.m. and January 10, 2023, 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that her neighbor had been scammed over the phone for a significant amount of money for nearly a year.

Fraud 24-001359

1000 Block Rachel Lane, SW

Between October 1, 2023, 12:00 p.m. and February 1, 2024, 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported fraudulent charges on a business bank account.

Suspicious Event 24-001317

400 Block Windover Avenue, NW

Between January 1 3:00 p.m. and February 1 3:00 p.m.

An elderly resident with mobility issues reported that someone had turned on her backyard water faucet and left it running for an unknown amount of time sometime in the last month.

Illegal Dumping 24-000868

Southside Park

1317 Ross Drive, SW

January 28 10:12 a.m.

A person illegally dumped construction debris down the bank near the creek.

Animal Case – Quarantine 24-001199

800 Block Hunter Court, SW

January 29 12:00 p.m.

On February 5, the Health Department reported a resident was bitten by his cat on January 29. ACO Barker advised the resident of the 10-day quarantine.

Suspicious Event 24-000999

100 Block Oak Street, SW

January 31 2:46 p.m.

A resident reported a suspicious phone call she received from someone claiming to be from the Department of Justice and the Department of Treasury questioning her about her bank account and instructing her to go to her bank to withdraw money.

Suspicious Event 24-001002

Vienna Elementary School

128 Center Street, South

January 31 3:54 p.m.

A resident reported she picked up her children from school and was walking to her car. Her daughter went ahead of her to the vehicle and was approached by a man on a bicycle who asked what she had in her bag, scaring the child. The child immediately screamed and ran to an adult who brought her to her mother.

Fraud 24-001036

200 Block Moore Avenue, SE

January 31 between 10:27 p.m. and 10:53 p.m.

A resident reported he was alerted by his bank that someone was attempting to change his phone number and email on his bank account.

Bomb Threat 24-001093

Vienna Presbyterian Church

124 Park Street, NE

February 2 3:04 a.m.

A patron of the Church's hypothermia shelter was sleeping in front of the exterior door. When a shelter worker asked him to move, the man became upset and smashed the window inside the door. The man then threatened to bomb the church before running from the scene. This case is under investigation.

Police Service 24-001113

200 Block Fardale Street, SE

February 2 4:02 p.m.

A resident turned in an old firearm for destruction.

Missing Juvenile 24-001125

DeSale Street, SW

February 2 11:05 p.m.

A resident reported their teenage son had not returned home from school and was not responding to their text messages. A few hours later, the juvenile was located by Fairfax County Police at his friend's residence.

Police Service 24-001139
200 Block Elmar Drive, SE
February 3 5:30 a.m.

A resident called 911 to report a tenant she wanted out of her house. Upon speaking to the resident and her son, the officer found the resident suffers from various medical conditions, and her son is responsible for her care. The woman she was upset with was her son's girlfriend. At the resident's request, rescue personnel responded to evaluate her. Rescue determined the woman did not require medical attention. The officers provided the son with adult service information to help care for his mother, and the girlfriend agreed not to have any further contact with the woman.

Assist EMS 24-001155
100 Block Woodview Circle, SW
February 3 1:20 p.m.

Officers responded to assist rescue personnel with a resident who had fallen down the stairs in his home. The man was transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Found Property 24-001168
800 Block Cottage Street, SW
February 4 8:40 a.m.

A resident found a license plate on the sidewalk.

Open Door 24-001170
Vienna Community Center
120 Cherry Street, SE
February 4 10:48 a.m.

Officers responding to an alarm at the Community Center found an open door. The building was searched and nothing suspicious was found. An employee arrived to open the building while the officers were still on scene.

10-Day Tow Notice 24-001198
200 Block Yeonas Drive, SW
February 5 9:43 a.m.

A resident reported a vehicle parked on the street for over a year with an expired Virginia inspection and registration. A ten-day tow notice was posted on the vehicle.

Found Property 24-001210
Cedar Lane School
101 Cedar Lane, SW
February 5 10:59 a.m.

A student found a cell phone and turned it over to the police.

Lost Property 24-001224

Giant

359 Maple Avenue, E

February 5 2:01 p.m.

A resident reported that he left his cell phone at a self-checkout register.

Trespassing 24-001244

Starbucks

362 Maple Avenue, East

February 6 7:50 a.m.

An individual was caught drinking alcohol on the premises of the business. An employee called the authorities and as a result, the individual was given a formal notice of trespass.

Police Service 24-001284

Follin Lane, SE

February 6 2:58 p.m.

A government contractor impersonating a federal agent attempted to enter a secured government facility. Officers responded to assist. The FBI took over the investigation.

Juvenile 24-001298

500 Block Kingsley Road, SW

February 6 10:34 p.m.

A missing juvenile from Fairfax County was found and reunited with their mother.

Suspicious Event 24-001317

Vienna Town Hall

127 Center Street, South

February 7 11:38 a.m.

A town employee called an ambulance for someone who appeared to be having a medical emergency. When the medics arrived the person fled the scene. Police were called but were unable to locate the person.

Fraud 24-001367

Locust Street, SE

February 8 12:00 p.m.

According to a report received, a resident has fallen victim to a fraudulent scheme wherein she was contacted by phone and subsequently handed over a significant sum of cash to an individual who arrived at her residence for collection.

CASE UPDATES

None

CRASHES

Hit and Run - Nutley Street, SW / Maple Avenue, West 24-000944

January 30 12:40 p.m.

One vehicle struck another while waiting for the light to change. The striking vehicle left the scene without exchanging information.

Maple Avenue and Courthouse Road, SW 24-001015

January 31 9:00 p.m.

Pedestrian-1 was on their electric scooter traveling southbound from Lawyers Road onto Courthouse. Vehicle-1 was traveling northbound on Courthouse Road, struck the pedestrian, and fled the scene without stopping. Pedestrian-1 refused to cooperate with the crash investigation.

200 Block East Street, NE 24-001115

February 2 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Vehicle-1 struck a mailbox and fled the scene without stopping.

Hit and Run - 100 Block Patrick Street, SE 24-001216

Between February 4 12:00 p.m. and February 5 12:12 p.m.

An unoccupied parked vehicle was hit and the driver who caused the accident fled the scene without providing their contact information.

Lawyers Road, NW / Malcolm Road, NW 24-001287

February 6 4:50 p.m.

At the three-way stop intersection, Vehicle-1 collided with Vehicle-2, which was then pushed onto Vehicle-3, causing a chain reaction.

427 Maple Avenue, West 24-001294

February 6 5:00 p.m.

A vehicle improperly changed lanes while exiting a parking lot and collided with another vehicle.

Please contact Juan Vazquez for further information on any of these cases at

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

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.



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Vienna Police Department Welcomes New Police Officer



(Pictured above from left to right is Officer Sam Saus with Police Chief James Morris)

On January 14th, 2024, the Town of Vienna Police Department welcomed a new member, Officer Sam Saus, to the force. Before joining the department, Officer Saus spent a year with the Arlington County Sheriff's Department.

Born in Egypt, Officer Saus is fluent in Arabic. He moved to New York City with his family when he was a teenager. He obtained an associate degree in information technology, and then spent many years working in the mental health field as an aide to those in need of therapy.

In the next phase of his law enforcement journey, Officer Saus will be mentored by a Field Training Instructor (FTI) over the course of twelve weeks. During this period, the FTI will closely observe and guide Officer Saus' performance in various areas, such as officer safety, traffic enforcement, interactions with the community, report writing, criminal investigations, handling vehicular accidents, and numerous other aspects integral to the responsibilities of a law enforcement officer.

**For Further Information please contact
MPO Juan Vazquez- Town of Vienna Police Public Information Officer
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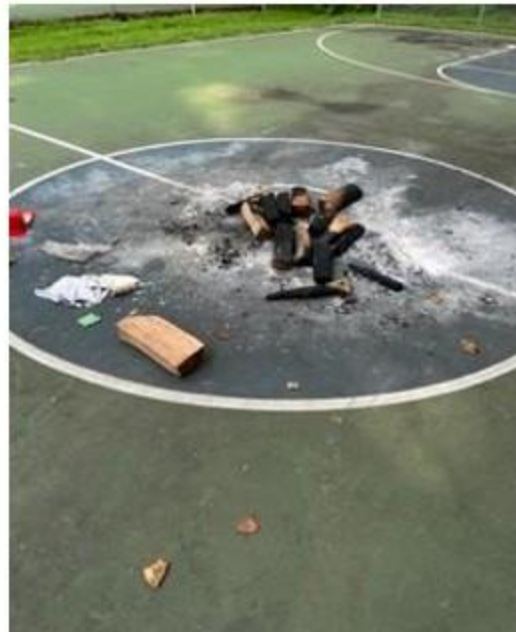
Vienna Police Department

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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August 22, 2023



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/>.

