



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

February 16, 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 9, 2024 to February 15, 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

Suspicious Event 24-001319

400 Block Windover Avenue, NW

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

A resident reported two incidents where she found the faucet in her backyard was open and running. The resident did not know who turned on the faucet or how long it was running.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 24-001369

Louise Archer Elementary School

324 Nutley Street, NW

February 8 12:30 p.m.

Officers responded to the school to assist with an emotional student. The student's father also responded. The student eventually calmed down and went home with his father. The father was advised to follow up with the student's doctor for assessment.

Suspicious Event 24-001409

TintFX

396 Maple Avenue, East

February 9 10:40 a.m.

A citizen advised he was unsatisfied with the work that was performed on his daughter's vehicle and brought the vehicle back to the business for the work to be corrected. The citizen reported the business owner began acting aggressively toward him. The owner of the business advised it was the citizen who began acting aggressively inside the store and was told to leave the business. Both parties were advised of the warrant process should they wish to pursue charges.

Assault 24-001412

800 Block Ware Street, SW

February 9 11:17 a.m.

An employee at a group home noticed bruises on one of the residents. When the employee asked the resident about the injury, he advised one of the other caretakers assaulted him. The employee immediately reported the information to her supervisor and notified the police department. This case is being investigated.

Trespassing 24-001433

Vienna Presbyterian Hypothermia Shelter

124 Park Street, NE

February 9 9:10 p.m.

A shelter worker reported a man who had been banned from their program had snuck into the Church and they wished to have him trespass. An officer located the man at the bus stop at Maple Avenue and Park Street, SE. The officer advised the man he was trespassed from the premises and may be arrested if he returned.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated and Juvenile Case 24-001440 and 24-001442
2000 Block Chain Bridge Road

February 9 11:37 p.m.

An officer observed a vehicle traveling eastbound at a high rate of speed in the area of Maple Avenue and Westbriar Drive, NE, and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, he detected signs of impairment. The man failed a series of field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest. A juvenile passenger was in the vehicle and had also been drinking.

PFC Stroh transported the driver, an 18-year-old man from Purple Beech Drive in Reston, Virginia to the Vienna Police Station where he provided a sample of his breath for analysis. He was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated Under 21 Years of Age.

The juvenile passenger was transported to the Vienna Police Station by another officer and released to the custody of his mother after being warned about drinking alcohol underage.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 24-001444

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

February 10 2:02 a.m.

Officers responded to the report of a man with a knife in front of the shopping center harming himself. They located the man and observed injury to his hand. Rescue personnel responded and treated the man. The man refused to be transported to the hospital for further treatment. A relative responded to transport the man home.

Threats 24-001458

Hawk & Griffin

435 Maple Avenue, West

February 10 2:14 p.m.

A citizen advised he had lunch in the restaurant with a friend and, as they were leaving, he commented to another customer who had been loudly making some negative statements. The customer followed the citizen out of the restaurant and began yelling, threatening him, and taking photos of him and his friend before leaving the area.

Assist EMS 24-001471

100 Block Nutley Street, NW

February 10 6:43 p.m.

Officers responded with rescue personnel for the report of a man who had fallen off his e-bike. The man was transported to an area medical facility for treatment for non-life-threatening injuries.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 24-001486

Chain Bridge Road and Babcock Road

February 11 4:08 a.m.

An officer observed a vehicle traveling westbound in the 300 block of Maple Avenue, West at a high rate of speed and initiated a traffic stop. Upon his 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.

PFC Stroh transported the 23-year-old man from Olde Kent Road in Centreville, Virginia to the Vienna Police Station where he provided a sample of his breath for analysis. The man was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated, 2nd Offense within 10 Years.

Open Window 24-001488

Rita's Italian Ice & Frozen Custard

116 Church Street, NW

February 11 6:37 a.m.

Officers responded to Rita's for a report of the pick-up window being open. The doors to the business were also unsecured. The officers searched the business and found nothing appeared disturbed.

Petit Larceny 24-001495

7-11

537 Maple Avenue, West

February 11 10:23 p.m.

An employee reported a man came into the store, took four bottles of wine, and left the store without paying for them.

Domestic Dispute 24-001527

Meadow Lane, SW

February 12 4:53 p.m.

Officers responded to a dispute between a resident and her adult son. The son left the home before officers arrived.

Animal Case 24-001546

Orchard Street and Nutley Street, NW

February 13 9:15 a.m.

ACO Barker responded to the report of an injured squirrel. He found the squirrel was in grave condition and euthanized the animal.

Found Property 24-001552

Tapawingo Road and Ware Street, SW

February 13 between 11:00 a.m. and 11:34 a.m.

A resident turned in a cell phone they found in the area.

Missing Juvenile 24-001572

Fairway Drive, NE

February 13 3:45 p.m.

At 6:45 p.m., a resident reported their teenage son left home and they were unable to locate him. The son was entered into the national database as a runaway and a lookout was given to local police jurisdictions. At 9:30 p.m., a Fairfax County Police Officer located the juvenile and transported him home.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 24-001582

Glyndon Street, SE

February 13 11:02 p.m.

A resident called the police station stating they were going to harm themselves. When officers arrived at the home they found the resident was in the care of family members and their injuries did not require an assessment from rescue personnel. The resident agreed to go with a family member to an area medical facility for evaluation.

Suspicious Event 24-001630

Fairfax County Fire & Rescue

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department

400 Center Street, South

February 14 3:15 a.m.

A firefighter reported he answered a suspicious phone call at the station in the middle of the night from an unknown person.

Police Service 24-001600

Vienna Police Station

215 Center Street, South

February 14 11:26 a.m.

A citizen turned in a firearm and ammunition.

Missing Juvenile 24-001614

Fairway Drive, NE

February 14 2:25 p.m.

A resident reported her teenage son, who had run away the day before and was returned home by the Fairfax County Police, left home again and she was unable to locate him. The juvenile was entered into the national database as a runaway. (*Reference Incident #24-001572*).

Suspicious Event 24-001617
500 Block Druid Hill Road, NE
February 14 7:22 p.m.

A resident reported two incidents where they have observed a suspicious vehicle at their house.

Open Door 24-001624
Westwood Country Club
800 Maple Avenue, East
February 15 12:11 a.m.

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

Open Door 24-001635
Metro Eyes
260 Maple Avenue, East
February 15 9:19 a.m.

An officer responding to an alarm at the business found an unsecured door. The officer searched the business and found nothing that appeared to have been disturbed.

Found Property 24-001640
Vienna Police Station
215 Center Street, South
February 15 10:09 a.m.

A citizen turned in a driver's license that was found on Park Street.

Found Property 24-001673
Vienna Police Station
215 Center Street, South
February 15 8:55 p.m.

A citizen turned in a wallet they found.

Missing Person 24-001685
Elmar Drive, SE
February 15 11:31 p.m.

A resident reported his elderly mother who suffers from medical issues walked away from their home and he was unable to locate her. While officers were on the scene, a resident on Park Street called to report the missing woman was sitting on his front porch bench. An officer escorted the woman back to her home.

CASE UPDATES

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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.

UPDATE-

Detective Reedy obtained two felony warrants for the man charging Threats to Bomb and Destruction of Property. On February 9, officers from the Fairfax City Police Department located the man at The Lamb Center in their jurisdiction. They arrested the 44-year-old man with no fixed address and transported him to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where the two warrants were served on him.

CRASHES

145 Church Street, NW 24-001426

February 9 2:36 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling northbound on Lawyers Road, NW, attempting to turn right onto Church Street, NW. The driver clipped the curb, and accidentally hit the gas pedal instead of the brake. The vehicle struck a street light pole, then traveled across the intersection and struck a fire hydrant, brickwork, and a fence. The vehicle came to a stop at 145 Church Street, NW after striking the railings and an awning on the building.

100 Block Branch Road, SE 24-001490

February 11 1:04 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Branch Road, SE. Vehicle-1 was exiting the parking lot of 126 Branch Road, attempting to go straight into another parking lot when the two vehicles collided.

Driver-1 was charged with Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

500 Block Maple Avenue, West 24-001502

February 12 8:44 a.m.

Two vehicles were traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue in adjacent lanes. Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2 while attempting to merge from the left lane into the right lane causing minor damage to both vehicles.

Park Street and Cherry Street, SE 24-001543

February 13 8:50 a.m.

Two vehicles were traveling northbound on Park Street, SE. Vehicle-2 was attempting to turn left onto Cherry Street. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

Beulah Road and Church Street, NE 24-001616

February 14 5:00 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling southbound on Beulah Road. Vehicle-2 stopped at the red traffic light on Church Street. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

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.



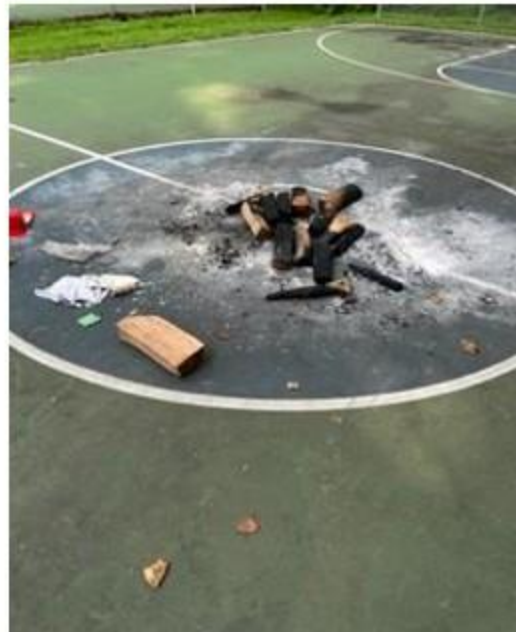
Vienna Police Department

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/>.

