



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

February 23, 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 16, 2024 to February 22, 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

Assist EMS 24-001694

Park Street and Elmar Drive, SE

February 16 7:52 a.m.

Officers responded to assist rescue personnel with an elderly woman who was lost, confused, and suffering from exposure to the cold temperatures. An officer contacted the woman's family, and rescue personnel transported the woman to an area hospital for evaluation.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 24-001709

Sunrise of Vienna

374 Maple Avenue, West

February 16 4:35 p.m.

An employee requested officers check on a resident's welfare after they made some concerning statements. Rescue personnel also responded to assess the resident. They found the resident did not require any assistance.

Animal Case – Quarantine 24-001841

200 Block Pleasant Street, SW

February 17 12:00 p.m.

On February 20, the Health Department reported a resident's dog bit a citizen while he was delivering flowers. The dog owner was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

Fraud 24-001736

200 Block Church Street, NW

February 17 2:30 p.m.

A resident reported an unknown person used his business credit card account to make unauthorized purchases.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 24-001750

400 Block Maple Avenue, East

February 18 4:52 a.m.

An officer was on patrol when he was approached by a man. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, he detected signs of intoxication.

PFC Rodriguez arrested the 35-year-old man from Layton Hall Drive in Fairfax, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public.

Petit Larceny 24-001757

Walgreens

225 Maple Avenue, East

February 18 10:19 a.m.

An employee reported a suspicious juvenile who was in the store and had told them he ran away from home and the police were looking for him. The juvenile stole a bag of chips and then left the store. The management did not wish to pursue charges for the larceny but wanted the juvenile trespassed from the store. Officers located the juvenile, who was confirmed to be reported as a Missing Person/Runaway (*see Case Updates reference 24-001614*) a short time later in the area of the community center and transported him to the Juvenile Less Secure Shelter. The juvenile was advised he was trespassed from Walgreens and may be charged if he returns.

Petit Larceny 24-001784

200 Block Commons Drive, NW

Between February 18 at 10:00 p.m. and February 19 at 8:15 a.m.

A resident reported his prescriptions were taken from his vehicle.

Fraud 24-001801

900 Block Desale Street, SW

February 19 9:00 a.m.

A resident reported they received a call from someone claiming to be from a local police department, and the caller ID displayed the correct number for the police department. The person advised there was an outstanding warrant for the resident and that she would need to make payment to take care of the issue. The resident was then transferred to another number where she was instructed to purchase gift cards and provide them with the numbers. After completing the transactions and providing the unknown caller with the card numbers, the citizen went to the police department where she found the call was a scam.

Juvenile 24-001868

Fairway Drive, NE

February 21 8:05 a.m.

A resident reported her son had run away from the Juvenile Less Secure Shelter and came home. He left the home before the officer's arrival. An officer located the juvenile in the 300 block of Maple Avenue, East, was taken into custody, and transported back to the shelter. (*Reference Incident #24-001881*).

Juvenile 24-001881

Vienna Community Center

120 Center Street, South

February 21 3:20 p.m.

The juvenile reported in incident #24-001868 ran away from the Juvenile Less Secure Shelter and was located at the Vienna Community Center. At the request of the juvenile's parole officer, he was transported back to the shelter.

Arrest – Warrant Service 24-001884

Yeonas Park

1319 Ross Drive, SW

February 21 6:06 p.m.

An officer observed a suspicious vehicle in the park after dark. Upon his interaction with the driver, he found the man was wanted on an outstanding warrant in Prince William County, Virginia.

Ofc. Harshfield arrested the 27-year-old man from 8th Street in Arlington, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention where the warrant charging Failure to Appear on Driving While Intoxicated was served on him.

Arrest – Narcotics Violation 24-001894

200 Block Moore Avenue, SE

February 21 9:28 p.m.

A resident called, reporting an unknown man was attempting to enter his residence, aggressively hitting the door and yelling. A few minutes later, a resident on Manvell Road, SE, reported he was with a man acting suspiciously, and officers determined that it was the man they were looking for. Upon the officers' interaction with the man, they detected signs of intoxication and found he was in possession of narcotics.

PFC Rodriguez arrested the 33-year-old man from Dale Court, SE, in Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where he was charged with Attempted Breaking and Entering into an Occupied Dwelling at Night, Possession of a Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, and Drunk in Public.

Suspicious Event 24-001930

200 Block Yeonas Drive, SW

February 22 9:37 p.m.

A resident reported their roommate was intoxicated and acting belligerent towards her and their other roommate. Officers spoke to the roommates and the one agreed he would stay in his room for the remainder of the night to avoid confrontation. A short time later, the resident reported the roommate was in the kitchen when he spat at her. The roommates were advised of the warrant process should they wish to pursue charges.

CASE UPDATES

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Missing Juvenile 24-001614

Fairway Drive, NE

February 14 2:25 p.m.

A resident reported that her teenage son, who had run away the day before and was returned home by the Fairfax County Police, had left home again, and she could not locate him. The juvenile was entered into the national database as a runaway.

On February 18, officers responded to a report of a juvenile engaging in theft at Walgreens and subsequently exiting the store, heading toward the Vienna Community Center. It was confirmed that this juvenile was the missing individual in this case. Law enforcement conducted a search in the vicinity and found the juvenile at the playground of Vienna Elementary School. Despite attempting to evade capture, the juvenile was apprehended and taken into custody. Following this, the juvenile was transported to the Juvenile Less Secure Shelter. However, shortly after, the juvenile absconded from the facility, prompting staff to report him as a runaway. He voluntarily presented himself at the Vienna Police Station, where he was once again detained and returned to the shelter. Later that same day, he absconded from the shelter again and was subsequently located by officers later that night near his residence. He was once more transported back to the shelter, only to leave again shortly thereafter. (Reference Incident #'s 24-001771, 24-001868, and 24-001881)

CRASHES

300 Locust Street, SE 24-001560

February 13 2:00 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on the road when it was struck by Vehicle-1 causing minor damage. Driver-1 fled the area without leaving their information.

100 Block Lawyers Road, NW 24-001708

February 15 3:45 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Lawyers Road when Vehicle-1 exited a parking lot at 112 Lawyers Road and the two vehicles collided.

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

Nutley Street and Courthouse Road, SW 24-001737

February 17 2:33 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Nutley Street. Vehicle-1 was westbound on Courthouse Road at a red traffic light when they made a right turn onto Nutley Street and the two vehicles collided.

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

Nutley Street and Tapawingo Road, SW 24-001762

February 18 4:51 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling on Nutley Street near Tapawingo Road. Vehicle-1 attempted to change lanes and collided with Vehicle-2 causing minor damage to both vehicles.

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

Maple Avenue and Nutley Street, SW 24-001844

February 20 1:00 p.m.

Two vehicles were eastbound on Maple Avenue in the right lane with a red traffic light at Nutley Street. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

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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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/>.

