



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

March 15, 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 March 8, 2024 to March 16, 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 24-002559

900 Block Echols Street, SE

Between November 2, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. and March 12 at 9:00 a.m.

A resident received a phone call from a woman claiming to be with US Customs and Border Protection advising him he was the subject of a federal investigation and that he would need to pay them to avoid prosecution. The resident made multiple payments before he realized it was a scam. This case will be investigated by federal authorities.

Fraud 24-002476

1000 Block Mountfort Court, SW

Between February 18 at 7:37 p.m. and March 1 at 3:30 p.m.

A resident reported he was attempting to sell a table online through OfferUp when he was defrauded by someone claiming to be interested in purchasing the table.

Grand Larceny 24-002646

1100 Block Maple Avenue, East

February 27 between 3:07 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

On March 13, a resident reported a UPS delivery containing a bicycle was stolen from his porch on February 27.

Fraud 24-002652

600 Block Birch Street, SW

Between March 6 at 12:00 a.m. and March 7 at 11:59 p.m.

A resident reported unauthorized charges to her credit card.

Police Service 24-002352

Vienna Town Hall

127 Center Street, South

March 6 9:39 a.m.

An employee expressed concern about threats that were made by a former co-worker at her previous place of employment.

Suspicious Event 24-002404

Navy Federal Credit Union

820 Follin Lane, SE

March 8 3:27 a.m.

A security guard reported a man and a woman acting suspiciously in a vehicle that had been in their parking lot for a couple of hours. The man advised the guard he was trying to use the ATM. The couple left the area before officers arrived.

Arrest - Fraud 24-002420
Northwest Federal Credit Union
231 Maple Avenue, East
March 8 11:40 a.m.

An employee reported a man entered the bank and fraudulently attempted to withdraw money from a bank account using another person's identification. The man also provided the officer with false information when they attempted to identify him.

Ofc. Saus arrested the 56-year-old man from Church Street in Poughkeepsie, New York. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Identity Theft, Obtaining Money by False Pretenses, Possession of Fake Identification, and Providing False Identification to Law Enforcement. The man was held without bond.

Open Door 24-002436
600 Block Thelma Circle, SW
March 8 9:45 p.m.

Officers responding to an alarm found an open door. They searched the home and found nothing appeared suspicious.

Arrest – Noise Violation 24-002442
Starbucks
362 Maple Avenue, East
March 8 11:33 p.m.

An officer responded to a noise complaint regarding a delivery truck being unloaded after hours.

PFC Mayar issued a summons to the 34-year-old man from Milestone Way in College Park, Maryland charging Violation of the Town Noise Ordinance. The man was released on his signature.

Arrest – Noise Violation 24-002446
200 Block Maple Avenue, West
March 9 4:56 a.m.

An officer responding to the report of a noise violation found a garbage truck emptying a dumpster.

PFC Stroh issued a summons to the truck driver, a 38-year-old man from Brinkley Road in Temple Hills, Maryland, charging Violation of the Town Noise Ordinance. The man was released on his signature.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 24-002468

500 Block Maple Avenue, West

March 10 4:27 p.m.

An officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed and initiated a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the four juvenile occupants, he detected a strong odor of alcohol, and open containers of alcohol were observed in the vehicle. The parents of the three passengers were notified and responded to the scene. Each passenger was issued a summons charging Underage Possession of Alcohol. One of them was also charged with Underage Possession of Tobacco. They were all released to the custody of their parents.

The driver was transported to the Vienna Police Station where he was offered the opportunity to provide a sample of his breath for analysis but refused. The officer notified the juvenile's parents and they responded to the station. In addition to traffic charges, PFC Stroh charged the juvenile with Underage Possession of Alcohol, Drinking While Operating a Motor Vehicle, Driving While Intoxicated Under 21 Years of Age, and Refusal. He was released to the custody of his parents.

Animal Case 24-002486

100 Block Moore Avenue, SW

March 10 6:52 p.m.

A resident secured two dogs that were running at large. An officer transported the dogs to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter after attempts to locate an owner were unsuccessful.

Destruction of Property 24-002498

Pazzo Pomodoro

118 Branch Road, SE

March 11 4:33 a.m.

At approximately 8:40 a.m. an employee arrived at the restaurant and found someone had smashed the front door glass with a brick. An officer responded to ensure no one was in the store. Nothing appeared to have been taken from the restaurant. A security camera showed the man who caused the damage was the same man who was arrested by PFC Mayar in a Petit Larceny case at 5:25 a.m.

PFC Garcia responded to the magistrate's office and obtained a warrant for the 33-year-old man with no fixed address charging Destruction of Property. The warrant was served on the man who was at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center for the charges in Incident #24-2492. The man was being held without bond.

Grand Larceny 24-002495

CrossFit

434 Mill Street, NE

March 11 between 4:50 a.m. and 5:50 a.m.

A citizen reported she parked her vehicle in the parking lot of her gym. When she returned to the vehicle, she found someone had stolen her purse.

Grand Larceny 24-002493

Orangetheory Fitness

127 Maple Avenue, West

March 11 between 5:00 a.m. and 5:55 a.m.

A citizen reported she left her vehicle locked in the parking lot. When she returned to the vehicle, she found someone had broken the driver's side rear window and stolen her purse.

Arrest – Petit Larceny 24-002492

7-11

427 Maple Avenue, East

March 11 5:25 a.m.

An employee reported a man took two cans of beer and attempted to leave the store. When the employee confronted him, the man assaulted him and left the store without paying. An officer located the man at the bus stop in the 500 block of Maple Avenue and placed him under arrest.

PFC Mayar transported the 33-year-old man with no fixed address to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Petit Larceny, Assault, and Drunk in Public. (*Reference Incident #24-002498*).

Grand Larceny 24-002514

Panera Bread

136 Maple Avenue, West

March 11 8:05 a.m.

A citizen reported they left their cell phone and money clip on a table in the restaurant while he went to the counter to get his order. His property was missing when he returned to the table.

Open Door 24-002500

300 Block Branch Road, SE

March 11 9:45 a.m.

A citizen reported a suspicious person carrying bags near a vacant house. The officers found an unsecured door to the house and searched the residence. They did not find anything suspicious or anyone in the home.

Vehicle Tampering 24-002569

9600 Block Counsellor Drive, NW

Between March 11 at 8:00 p.m. and March 12 at 11:30 a.m.

A resident reported someone rummaged through her unlocked vehicle and stole US currency.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated and Warrant Service 24-002546

Nutley Street and Kingsley Road, SW

March 12 12:26 a.m.

An officer observed a driver commit a traffic offense and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, they detected signs of intoxication. The officer determined the driver's license privilege was suspended, she had cocaine in her possession, and our department had an active capias for her. After the driver failed to complete a series of field sobriety tests she was placed under arrest.

MPO Smith transported the 38-year-old woman from Roosevelt Boulevard in Falls Church, Virginia to the Vienna Police Station where she provided a sample of her breath for analysis. She was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Driving While Intoxicated, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Driving on a Suspended License, and the capias charging Failure to Appear for Driving on a Suspended License was served on her.

Police Service 24-002563

900 Block Timber Lane, SW

March 12 10:51 a.m.

A resident turned in ammunition for destruction.

Found Property 24-002573

1100 Block Pekay Street, SW

March 12 1:17 p.m.

A resident found drug paraphernalia on the roadway in front of his house.

Fraud 24-2599

CVS

337 Maple Avenue, East

March 12 between 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

An employee reported someone stole his debit cards from his coat that he left in the employee break room. He later discovered an authorized transaction on one of the cards.

Found Property 24-002612

100 Block Elm Street, SW

March 13 7:27 a.m.

A citizen turned in a wallet he found.

Telephone Case 24-002647

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

March 13 between 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

A resident was receiving threatening text messages from an unknown person.

Animal Case 24-002707

Oakton Vienna Animal Hospital

320 Maple Avenue, East

March 14 6:54 p.m.

A citizen found a stray dog at Our Lady of Good Council Church on Wolfrap Road in Vienna. She brought the dog to the animal hospital to see if it was chipped. An officer transported the dog the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

CASE UPDATES

None

CRASHES

300 Block Church Street, NE 24-002418

March 8 11:17 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was making a right turn from Beulah Road onto Church Street when the driver lost control of the vehicle, struck a curb, and then struck a utility pole.

Maple Avenue near Beulah Road, SE 24-002462

March 9 5:46 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue in the left lane. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2 causing minor damage to both vehicles. Driver-2 complained of injury but refused rescue.

Park Street near Cherry Street, SE 24-002708

March 14 7:46 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling southbound on Park Street when the driver lost control of the vehicle and struck a pedestrian crossing sign. Driver-1 was transported to an area hospital by rescue personnel with non-life-threatening injuries. This accident is under investigation.

Kingsley Road and Cottage Street, SW 24-002709

March 14 8:09 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Kingsley Road, SW. Vehicle-1 was traveling southbound on Cottage Street when they failed to yield and collided with 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



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Vienna Police Department Welcomes New Police Officer



(Pictured from Left to Right Captain Tu Farhan, Major Daniel Janickey, Officer Patrick Ludwick and Academy Instructor, MPO Michael Finelli)

On March 7th, 2024, Officer Patrick Ludwick graduated from the 85th Session of the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy. Their graduation marks the culmination of a six-month training session in which newly hired police recruits receive training in all aspects of police procedures. The six-month basic recruit session is a non-residential training program consisting of over 920 hours of instruction. The curriculum includes but is not limited to 320 hours of academic studies, 94 hours of firearms training, 84 hours of emergency vehicle operation, 110 hours of physical training, and 130 hours of defensive tactics training.

The Criminal Justice Academy trains new and veteran officers from Vienna, Herndon, Fairfax County Police, Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, and the Fairfax County Fire Marshal's office.

To attend the Academy and become a police officer, candidates must go through a rigorous application process which includes a thorough background check, medical examination, polygraph test, and various interviews. On average, only 2% of the people that apply to be a police officer make it through the hiring process and are invited to attend the basic recruit class.

Officer Patrick Ludwick will be assigned a Field Training Instructor (FTI) for the next twelve weeks. During the twelve weeks, the FTI will observe and guide Officer Ludwick's performance in officer safety, traffic enforcement, interaction with citizens, report writing, investigations of crimes, vehicular accidents, and many other aspects of law enforcement duties.

**For Further Information please contact
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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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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.



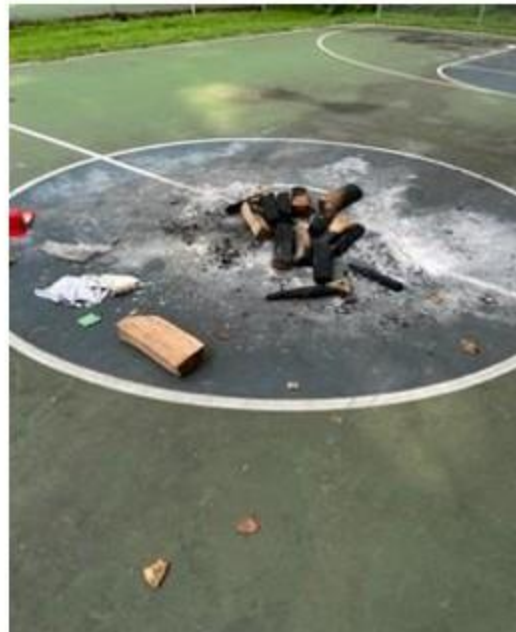
Vienna Police Department

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/>.

