



# VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

March 22, 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 15, 2024 to March 21, 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](mailto: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**

**Animal Case 24-002894**

**Vienna Dog Park**

**700 Courthouse Road, SW**

**March 14 12:00 p.m.**

A person was bitten on her leg by an unknown dog.

**Petit Larceny 24-002725**

**200 Moore Avenue, SE**

**March 15 9:05 a.m.**

A resident reported the month and year stickers were stolen from his license plates.

**Fraud 24-002751**

**1100 Westbriar Court, NE**

**March 15 11:10 a.m.**

A resident received pop-ups on her computer stating her information had been compromised and instructing her to call a number for assistance. The resident called the number she believed was to the Microsoft Security Section. One of the people she spoke to advised that one of her accounts had been used to illegally purchase child pornography. The unknown person advised that for her to avoid further issues she would need to withdraw money from her account and deposit it into a Bitcoin account. After following the instructions, the woman realized the scam.

**Arrest – Drunk In Public 24-002754**

**200 Block Charles Street, SE**

**March 15 10:20 p.m.**

A resident called for assistance at approximately 6:45 p.m. stating that her husband was intoxicated and acting out. The man left the residence before officers arrived. Officers searched for the man but were unable to locate him. At 10:20 p.m., the resident called back when the man returned home and was acting aggressively with the family. The man again left the residence and was located by officers in the area of Locust Street and Glyndon Street, SE. The man refused the officers commands and would not speak to them.

Ofc Harshfield arrested the 55-year-old man from Charles Street, SE in Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public.

**Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 24-002757**

**400 Block Windover Avenue, NW**

**March 15 11:25 p.m.**

An officer responding to the report of a reckless driver in the 300 Block of Nutley Street, NW observed the vehicle traveling southbound on Nutley. The officer observed the driver commit a traffic violation and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's, interaction with the driver, he detected signs of impairment.

Ofc. Temple arrested the 60-year-old man from McKenney Avenue in Silver Spring, Maryland. He was transported 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.

**Suicide Attempt 24-002748**

**7-11**

**537 Maple Avenue, W**

**March 15 5:00 p.m.**

An emotionally disturbed person had superficial cuts to her wrists. The emotionally disturbed person was transported to a nearby hospital for further medical assistance without any further incident.

**Fraud 24-002869**

**1000 Block Rachel Lane, SW**

**March 16 12:00 p.m.**

A resident has reported falling prey to a phone scam in which the scammer impersonated a representative from the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office. The victim was instructed to withdraw a large sum of money from their financial institution and deposit it into an account provided by the scammer at a nearby Bitcoin ATM machine.

**Police Service 24-002785**

**200 Block Church Street, NE**

**March 16 6:04 p.m.**

A citizen requested a welfare check on a relative who was sending concerning text messages. The man spoke to an officer and refused any assistance.

**Arrest – Warrant Service 24-002770**

**300 Block Springwood Court, NE**

**March 16 9:46 p.m.**

An officer responded to a home to serve two warrants on a resident. PFC Reed spoke to the man and confirmed the active warrants with Fairfax County Police.

PFC Reed arrested the 46-year-old man from Springwood Court, NE in Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where the two warrants charging Violation of a Protective Order were served and he was held without bond.

**Arrest – Warrant Service 24-002801**

**CVS**

**337 Maple Avenue, East**

**March 16 9:47 p.m.**

An employee reported a suspicious man and woman who had been walking around the store for several hours. The employee requested officers assist in trespassing the couple. Upon the officer's interaction with the couple, he found that Prince William County Police Department had two active warrants for the man. The couple was advised they were both trespassed from the store and may be arrested if they returned to the premises.

PFC Rodriguez arrested the 43-year-old man from Holden Drive in Manassas Park, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where the two warrants charging Failure to Follow Conditions of Release and Failure to Obey a Court Order were served on him.

**Emotionally Disturbed Person 24-002826**

**Church Street, NE**

**March 17 2:03 p.m.**

A resident requested assistance with an emotionally disturbed family member. After speaking with the emotionally disturbed person officers determined that the person was a danger to themselves. A co-respondent team was requested and responded to the scene. The emotionally disturbed person was detained without incident and transported to a nearby medical facility.

**Suspicious Event 24-002872**

**400 Block Lewis St, NW**

**March 18 between 5:28 a.m. and 6:11 a.m.**

A resident reported that a Lyft driver was asking her inappropriate questions about her body.

**Arrest – Warrant Service 24-002862**

**Dollar Tree**

**215 Maple Avenue, West**

**March 18 1:44 p.m.**

The Fairfax County Police Department requested a warrant service to be conducted at the workplace of a wanted individual. Officer Saus responded to the business and was able to make contact with the suspect.

PFC Saus arrested the 42-year-old man from Blake Lane in Fairfax, Virginia. The suspect was then taken to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was served the two outstanding warrants for Strangulation and Assault and Battery on a Family Member. He was held on a \$2,000 secure bond, and his custody was remanded to the Fairfax County Sheriff's.

**Fraud 24-002941**

**900 Block Moorefield Hill Grove, SW**

**March 20 8:07 p.m.**

A resident has fallen victim to a phone scam where the scammer posed as a representative from "PayPal". The victim was informed that they had made an error and that they had refunded her too much money. The scammer then instructed her to withdraw a large sum of money from her bank to cover the alleged excess money paid to her and deposit it into an account provided by the scammer at a nearby Bitcoin depot.

**CASE UPDATES**

## **CRASHES**

### **Maple Avenue and Nutley Street, SW 24-002792**

**March 16 8:27 p.m.**

Two vehicles were westbound on Maple Avenue, turning left onto Nutley Street. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

### **100 block Glyndon Street, SE 22-00831**

**March 17 6:45 p.m.**

Vehicle 1 was stopped in the parking lot dropping off passengers. Vehicle 2 was backing out of a parking space and struck Vehicle 1.

### **Lawyers Road, NW / Maple Avenue, West 24-002890**

**March 19 9:33 a.m.**

Vehicle 1 was heading west on Maple Avenue when it attempted to turn right at the intersection of Maple Avenue West and Lawyers Road Northwest. However, the vehicle lost control and collided with a utility pole on the side of the road.

### **Maple Avenue / East Street, NE 22-002917**

**March 20 8:15 a.m.**

Two vehicles were eastbound on Maple Avenue, traffic was coming to a stop. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

The driver of Vehicle 1 was issued a citation for following too closely.

**Please contact Juan Vazquez for further information on any of these cases at [Juan.vazquez@viennava.gov](mailto:Juan.vazquez@viennava.gov) or 703-255-7845.**

## **CITIZEN NOTES**



### **Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department**

#### **Media Information Release**



William McCurdy

On August 14, 2023, a citizen reported that he was defrauded out of almost \$1 million during an online scam that unfolded over several years. A subsequent investigation by police revealed that a Maryland man was involved in the scheme, which aimed to deceive the victim into believing that they were assisting someone in distress. On March 19, 2024, Detectives with the Vienna Police Department, in conjunction with the US Secret Service and the Prince Georges County Police Department, took William McCurdy, of Hyattsville, MD, into custody and charged him with four felony counts of Obtaining Money by False Pretense and Money Laundering. McCurdy is currently held without bond in Maryland, awaiting extradition to Virginia.

**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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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](http://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 SWAT<sup>1</sup> or DOX<sup>2</sup> 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 fansigning<sup>3</sup>. 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](http://www.ic3.gov)
- FBI Field Office [[www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices](http://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](http://www.cybertipline.org))

Reporting these crimes can help law enforcement identify malicious actors and prevent further victimization.

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<sup>1</sup>SWAT 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.

<sup>2</sup>DOX also referred to as DOXXING is the action of obtaining and publishing personally identifiable information (PII) on the internet, usually for malicious intent.

<sup>3</sup>Fansigning 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](mailto:patrick.crandall@viennava.gov) or Det. Bradley Reedy, [bradley.reedy@viennava.gov](mailto: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/>.

