



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

March 29, 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 22, 2024 to March 28, 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 24-003037

1000 Block Avery Court, SW

Between October 20, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. and February 22 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported someone fraudulently made a purchase through eBay using his credit card in October. The resident reported the fraud to his bank and they replaced the credit card. The resident discovered another fraudulent charge with eBay in February.

Fraud 24-003201

Navy Federal Credit Union

820 Follin Lane, SE

January 18 12:00 p.m.

A citizen made an arrangement online to purchase copper. The citizen went to the credit union and wired the payment for the purchase but never received the copper. Since wiring the money, the citizen has been unable to contact the seller.

Petit Larceny 24-003238

Walgreens

225 Maple Avenue, East

February 15 12:00 p.m.

On March 28, an employee reported a theft that occurred in mid-February when a man entered the store and stole various over-the-counter medications.

Vandalism 24-002988

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

March 21 between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

A resident reported she left her apartment for a couple of hours. When she returned home, someone had damaged the door handle to the apartment. An officer checked the apartment, and the resident advised that nothing appeared to be missing or out of place.

Destruction of Property 24-003031

400 Block Nelson Drive, NE

Between March 21 at 7:00 p.m. and March 22 at 7:00 a.m.

A resident reported someone broke a glass window pane on their garage door.

Arrest – Warrant Service 24-002982

200 Block Courthouse Circle, SW

March 21 8:22 p.m.

A resident obtained a summons for a family member charging Domestic Assault. Ofc. Temple responded to the home and served the summons on the 61-year-old woman from Courthouse Circle. The woman was released on her signature.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 24-002986
Walker Street and Walker Circle, SW
March 21 9:25 p.m.

An officer approached a woman in a vehicle in the area of Walker Street and Walker Circle, SW. Upon his interaction with the woman, he detected signs of impairment.

Ofc. Rodriguez arrested the 54-year-old woman from Walker Circle in Vienna. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Drunk In Public.

Telephone Case 24-003050
Peking Express
103 Center Street, North
March 22 5:15 p.m.

A Grubhub order was placed at the restaurant. An employee advised a woman claiming to be the Grubhub driver's wife showed up early to pick up the order. The woman became rude and began hassling the employee when she was advised she would have to wait for the order. A short time later, the employee reported a man he believed was the original driver called the restaurant, making threats about the way his wife was treated.

Recovery of Stolen Property 24-003093
1200 Block Ware Street, SW
March 24 12:23 p.m.

An officer was on patrol when he was alerted to a stolen vehicle. The officer confirmed the tag on the front of the vehicle belonged to a different vehicle that had been reported as stolen in Fairfax County. The tag on the rear of the vehicle belonged to the vehicle it was displayed on. The officer spoke to the vehicle owner who did not realize his front tag had been replaced by a stolen tag. Fairfax County Police was notified of the tag recovery. The tag was taken by the officer and placed in the police property section.

Suspicious Event 24-003094
100 Block Moore Avenue, SE
March 24 3:17 p.m.

A resident reported an ongoing civil dispute with their neighbor.

Animal Case – Quarantine 24-003139
600 Block Meadow Lane, SW
March 25 8:00 a.m.

A resident was watching his neighbor's dog while they were out of town when he was accidentally bitten by the animal. The resident was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

Petit Larceny 24-003169

Lombardi's Pizza

115 Maple Avenue, West

Between March 25 at 1:00 p.m. and March 26 at 1:00 p.m.

The business sign was stolen from the entrance to their parking lot.

Destruction of Property 24-003134

Princess Jewelers

529 Maple Avenue, West

March 26 2:37 a.m.

Officers responding to the report of an alarm at the jeweler found a broken window near the front door. The business owners responded and the officers searched the store, confirming that no one was inside and nothing was taken.

Assist EMS 24-003152

412 Roland Street, SW

March 26 10:52 a.m.

Officers responded to assist rescue personnel with an unresponsive resident. When the officers arrived, rescue personnel were on the scene performing CPR on the man. The man was transported to an area hospital for further treatment.

Suspicious Event 24-003180

100 Block Patrick Street, SE

March 27 2:06 a.m.

A resident returned home from work and found paperwork that did not belong to him inside his apartment. No one else had access to the apartment and there did not appear to be any forced entry. An officer searched the apartment with the resident and found that it did not appear that anything was taken from the home.

Suspicious Event 24-003204

YamaChen's Sushi House

320 Maple Avenue, West

March 27 7:30 p.m.

An employee reported a man came into the establishment, went to the restroom, then quickly left the restaurant. The employee went to check on the restroom and found the man left baggies containing what she believed were drugs. As the employee was calling the police, the man returned, retrieved the baggies from the restroom, and quickly left the premises.

CASE UPDATES

None

CRASHES

Maple Avenue and Nutley Street, SW 24-002963

March 21 9:30 a.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 struck the rear of Vehicle-2 and then left the scene.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Hit & Run.

Cottage Street and Tapawingo Road, SW 24-003019

March 22 11:13 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Tapawingo Road. Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Cottage Street. The two vehicles collided in the intersection.

Maple Avenue and Westbriar Drive, NE 24-003195

March 24 7:30 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue, turning left onto Westbriar Drive, NE.

Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Maple, struck Vehicle-2 and pushed it off the road, then fled the scene without stopping.

Please contact Ruth Rohr for further information on any of these cases at Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov or 703-255-6324.

CITIZEN NOTES

For Further Information please contact
MPO Juan Vazquez – Town of Vienna Police Public Information Officer
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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

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.



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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/>.

