



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

April 5, 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 29, 2024 to April 4, 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

Animal Case 24-003247

100 Block Oakmont Court, NE

Between March 28 at 6:00 p.m. and March 29 at 12:05 a.m.

A citizen requested an officer check on the welfare of a dog that they believed may be suffering from neglect. Sgt. Sheeran responded to the residence on March 30, made contact with the owners, observed the dog, and found no evidence of neglect. The dog suffers from some medical issues that are being treated by a vet.

Suspicious Event 24-003266

7-11

537 Maple Avenue, West

March 29 11:40 a.m.

A citizen reported she was out with her adult son when he began yelling and acting disorderly. She requested an officer to check on his welfare. An officer observed the man outside of the 7-11. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, they determined he was not a threat to himself or others and did not need assistance.

Drunk In Public 24-003282

Bear Branch Tavern

133 Maple Avenue, East

March 29 8:27 p.m.

An employee reported three teenage girls throwing bottles around the parking lot and jumping on his vehicle. The juveniles left the area before officers arrived. One of the juveniles was located near the intersection of Locust Street and Cottage Street, SW. A second juvenile was located behind 142 Maple Avenue, West. Upon the officers' interaction with the two juveniles, they detected signs of impairment. Their parents were notified and responded to the scene where the juveniles were released to their custody. The third juvenile was not located. Charges are pending in this case.

Burglary 24-003284

Vienna Gun & Gold

386 Maple Avenue, East, #200

March 29 11:15 p.m.

The owner of the store was alerted that the alarm was activated in the store. On his security camera, he advised the dispatcher that he saw five to six people in the store stealing guns. When officers arrived, they observed two men fleeing the store with firearms. The men refused to obey the officers' commands, got into a vehicle, and fled the area. With the information that there were still more suspects inside the building, the officers could not pursue the vehicle. Fairfax County Police Department K-9 unit and helicopter responded to assist. Further investigation determined the two men were the only suspects involved. The area was searched but the suspects were not located. This case remains an active investigation. (*Reference Incident #23-003307*)

Burglary 24-003307

Massage on Us

386 Maple Avenue, East, #110

March 29 11:15 p.m.

While officers were investigating a burglary at Vienna Gun & Gold, they found the suspects made their entry into the building by forcing their way into a suite belonging to Massage on Us. The owner of the business determined a collection of rare coins and bills were missing. This case remains an active investigation. (*Reference Incident #003284*)

Lost Property 24-003348

Vienna Gas & Auto Care

410 Maple Avenue, East

March 30 10:09 p.m.

A citizen reported he lost his wallet at the gas station.

Found Property 24-003351

Northside Park

600 Mill Street, NE

March 31 2:00 p.m.

A resident turned in keys he found in the park. An officer located the owner and returned the keys to him.

Suspicious Event 24-003354

1000 Block Pickett Place

March 31 5:59 p.m.

Officers responded to a residence after a neighbor received a note requesting the police check on the house. A woman staying with the resident for a few months left the note. She advised the officers the resident would not permit her to leave the home. The resident advised the woman has been acting erratically lately and she was free to come and go from the home. Officers searched the home and did not find any signs of foul play or criminal activity.

Police Service 24-003452

Vienna Police Station

215 Center Street, South

April 3 11:31 a.m.

A citizen turned in shotgun shells and a gun lock for destruction.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 24-003458

Glyndon Street, SE

April 3 11:02 p.m.

A mental health worker advised they received a call from a resident who advised they were actively harming themselves. The officers spoke to a family member and determined the resident did not need immediate police or medical assistance from rescue personnel. The family member was going to transport the resident to a facility for evaluation.

Missing Juvenile 24-003494

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

April 4 5:36 p.m.

A resident reported he and his teenage nephew argued the previous night. The nephew left the home without permission advising he was going to stay with family in another state. The resident advised the teen has not returned home or contacted him.

CASE UPDATES

None

CRASHES

Lawyers Road and Walnut Lane, NW 24-003165

March 26 3:37 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was on Walnut Lane, attempting to turn right onto Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1, a bicycle, was traveling in the opposite direction of traffic when the two vehicles collided. The juvenile bicyclist was transported to an area hospital by rescue personnel with non-life-threatening injuries.

Park Street and Tapawingo Road, SE 24-003272

March 29 12:33 p.m.

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

100 Block Glyndon Street, SE

March 31 2:34 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Glyndon Street, SE. Vehicle-1 was exiting the parking lot of 169 Glyndon Street when the two vehicles collided.

900 Maple Avenue, East. 24-0033356

March 31 7:58 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was turning left onto Maple Avenue from the parking lot of 900 Maple Avenue when the two vehicles collided.

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 to Participate in the DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative

Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In conjunction with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and state and local law enforcement agencies, the Vienna Police Department will again participate in a one-day initiative to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from area homes.

On April 27, 2024, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., the Vienna Police Department will have a collection site for old, expired, unused, or unwanted medications. Prescription medications, controlled or non-controlled substances, and over-the-counter drugs may be turned in anonymously at the collection point inside the Vienna Police Department temporary facility located at 215 Center Street, South, Vienna, Virginia 22180.

Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing it and disposing of it directly into the collection box. If an original container is used, the individual should consider removing any identifying information from the prescription label. Liquid products should remain sealed in their original container to prevent leakage.

DEA will collect vape pens or other e-cigarette devices from consumers only after the batteries are removed. It is important to stress that the DEA is not responsible for removing batteries from the devices.

Intravenous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted due to associated hazards (The only exemption is EpiPens).

Commercial businesses, pharmacies, or other medical facilities may not use this to discard expired medications or medical waste.

For DEA Authorized Collectors that provide year-round drop-off locations to the public to dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals, go to [Controlled Substance Public Disposal Locations](#).

**For further information, please contact:
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**Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department
Media Information Release
Police Dispatcher Morgan Johnson receives American Legion Police Officer
Award of the Year**



Vienna police Dispatcher Morgan Johnson (center) receives the American Legion Post 180's 2024 "Vienna Police Officer of the Year" award during an April 4 ceremony at the post. Pictured with Johnson are Vienna Police Chief James Morris and the post's commander, Tyce Williamson.

Vienna Police Department Dispatcher Morgan Johnson has been honored with well-deserved recognition from the American Legion Dyer-gunnell Post 180. Throughout her tenure, Dispatcher Johnson has consistently demonstrated her exceptional dedication to both the department and the community she serves.

Dispatcher Johnson fosters a collaborative and supportive environment among her colleagues. Her commitment to personal and professional growth is evident in her proactive approach to learning and development, setting a shining example for her peers.

In nominating Johnson, Sgt. Andrew Slebonick says that Dispatcher Johnson eagerly takes on additional responsibilities and projects beyond her regular duties, excelling in the tasks she undertakes. Her willingness to go above and beyond underscores her invaluable contribution to the police department.

As a steadfast presence in the community, Dispatcher Johnson is trusted by citizens and officers. Her adept handling of challenging situations reflects her unwavering commitment to serving with integrity and sound judgment.

With her continued dedication and exemplary performance, Dispatcher Morgan Johnson embodies the qualities worthy of recognition by the American Legion. She not only represents the Vienna Police Department with distinction but also inspires her co-workers.

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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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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/>.

