



## VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

May 17, 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 May 10, 2024 to May 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](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**

### **Suspicious Event 24-005240**

**1100 Block Pekay Street, SW**

**Between May 3 at 12:01 a.m. and May 15 at 2:40 p.m.**

A resident reported suspicious activity on her electronic devices and is concerned that her computer may have been hacked, allowing someone access to all her devices.

### **Grand Larceny 24-005294**

**CVS**

**260 Cedar Lane, SE**

**May 11 between 7:56 p.m. and 8:10 p.m.**

On May 16, a store manager reported a theft that occurred on May 11 when two individuals entered the store, filled tote bags with over-the-counter pharmaceutical goods, and left the store without paying for them.

### **Open Door 24-005095**

**Vienna Community Center**

**120 Cherry Street, SE**

**May 11 10:24 p.m.**

Officers responding to an alarm at the community center found an unsecured door. While searching the building, the officers heard people running and exiting a door on the opposite side. The area was searched, but no one was located. Nothing appeared to have been disturbed in the community center.

### **Suspicious Event 24-005097**

**900 Block Lauren Lane, SE**

**May 11 10:51 p.m.**

A resident reported teenagers were walking down either side of the street checking car doors. When the resident's motion sensor light activated, the individuals ran up the road and left in a dark-colored vehicle.

### **Vandalism 24-005107**

**1000 Block Hillcrest Drive, SW**

**Between May 11 at 11:00 p.m. and May 12 at 6:00 a.m.**

A resident reported someone destroyed an American flag lawn ornament.

### **Found Property 24-005104**

**400 Block Maple Avenue, East**

**May 12 2:34 a.m.**

An officer found a license plate was left behind following a vehicle accident (*Accident #24-005098*). The license was placed in the property office to be released to the owner.

**Animal Case 24-005106**  
**500 Block Nelson Drive, NE**  
**May 12 7:44 a.m.**

An officer responded to the report of a sick raccoon. The officer found the raccoon was in grave condition and euthanized the animal.

**Animal Case 24-005113**  
**500 Block Orrin Street, SE**  
**May 12 5:20 p.m.**

A resident found a dog at large on the bike trail. The dog appeared to be underfed and officers were unable to find its owner. Ofc. Harshfield transported the dog to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

**Found Property 24-005147**  
**100 Block Church Street, NE**  
**May 13 9:00 a.m.**

A citizen turned in credit cards he found in the bushes.

**Emotionally Disturbed Person 24-005215**  
**300 Block Orchard Street, NW**  
**May 14 9:32 p.m.**

Officers checked on the welfare of a resident after she sent a concerning text message to her friend. The resident stated she was upset over recent events in her life. She agreed to go to a medical facility with a family member for evaluation.

**Assist EMS 24-005226**  
**Sunrise of Vienna**  
**374 Maple Avenue, West**  
**May 15 8:10 a.m.**

Officers responded with rescue personnel to assist a resident who suffered a medical emergency. The resident was transported to an area hospital for treatment.

**Emotionally Disturbed Person 24-005230**  
**McDonald's**  
**544 Maple Avenue, West**  
**May 15 9:45 a.m.**

Officers responded to the report of a man who was acting suspiciously and appeared to be emotionally disturbed. A family member was notified and came to the restaurant to transport the man home. Both parties were provided with information on services available to them for assistance.

**Juvenile Case 24-005236**  
**200 Block Cedar Lane, SE**  
**May 15 12:50 p.m.**

The property manager of the apartment complex reported three juveniles he observed on the property who he believed were consuming narcotics. The property manager trespassed the juveniles and they left the area. An officer observed the juveniles walking northbound on Desale Street near Casmar Street, SE. The group scattered when they saw the officer. PFC Reed stopped one of the juveniles and determined she was a truant from Cedar Lane School. The officer transported the juvenile to the school and turned her over to the school administration. There were no narcotics were located in her possession.

**Emotionally Disturbed Person 24-005355**  
**Dominion Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, NE**  
**May 15 10:23 p.m.**

Officers responded to the report of a man who was armed with a knife and attempting to harm himself. After speaking with the officers, the man agreed to drop the weapon, and he was taken into custody on an Emergency Custody Order. Rescue personnel assessed the man and ensured he was uninjured before PFC Rodriguez transported him to an area hospital for evaluation and treatment.

**Trespassing 24-005274**  
**Capitol One Bank**  
**246 Maple Avenue, East**  
**May 16 11:38 a.m.**

The bank manager reported a suspicious man who was refusing to leave the bank. An officer responded and the man was trespassed from the premises.

**Arrest – Drunk In Public and Assault on Police Officer 24-005321**  
**200 Block Cedar Lane, SE**  
**May 16 10:51 p.m.**

An officer observed a man drinking alcohol in public and exhibiting signs of intoxication. When the officer approached the man, he attempted to flee the area. After a short foot pursuit, PFC Rodriguez arrested the 27-year-old man from Cedar Lane, SE in Vienna. During the arrest the man assaulted the officer, causing minor injury to his face.

PFC Rodriguez transported the man to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public, Felony Assault on a Police Officer, and Obstruction of Justice.

**CASE UPDATES**

None

## **CRASHES**

### **Nutley Street and Kingsley Road, SW 24-005030**

**May 10 12:30 p.m.**

Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Nutley Street. Vehicle-1 was turning left from Kingsley Road onto southbound Nutley, and came close to Vehicle-2, causing them to lose control, run off the road, and strike a sign in the median. The two vehicles did not collide.

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

### **418 Maple Avenue, East 24-005035**

**May 10 5:16 p.m.**

Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound in the right lane on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound turning left into a parking lot when the two vehicles collided.

Driver-1 was issued two summonses charging Driving on a Suspended License and No Insurance.

### **100 Block Church Street, NW 24-005074**

**May 11 12:28 p.m.**

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in an alley parking lot when it was struck by Vehicle-1. Driver-1 fled the scene without stopping to provide their information and struck a second Vehicle (*see Accident #24-005228*).

On May 15, PFC Reed obtained a misdemeanor warrant for Driver-1, a 78-year-old woman from Adahi Road, SE in Vienna charging Hit and Run. The woman was released on her signature.

### **100 Block Church Street, NW 24-005228**

**May 11 12:34 p.m.**

After striking another vehicle, Vehicle-1 attempted to reverse and veered into Vehicle-2 (a legally parked vehicle). Driver-1 fled the scene without stopping to provide their information (*see Accident #24-005074*).

On May 15, PFC Reed obtained a misdemeanor warrant for Driver-1, a 78-year-old woman from Adahi Road, SE in Vienna charging Hit and Run. The woman was released on her signature.

### **Maple Avenue and Berry Street, SE 24-005098**

**May 11 10:58 p.m.**

Two vehicles were traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue in adjacent lanes. Vehicle-1 attempted to change from the left lane to the right lane and sideswiped Vehicle-2. Vehicle-2 went over the curb and struck a utility pole.

**Maple Avenue and Glyndon Street, SE 24-005111**

**May 12 12:57 p.m.**

The traffic light at the intersection was green for traffic traveling straight on Glyndon Street. Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Glyndon Street, NE going straight through the intersection of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was northbound on Glyndon Street, SE, turning left onto westbound Maple Avenue and struck Vehicle-2. Driver-2 was evaluated by rescue personnel but was not transported.

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

**359 Maple Avenue, East 24-005234**

**May 13 2:25 p.m.**

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in the parking lot. Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2, then fled the area without stopping. An officer located the driver who was unaware he struck Vehicle-2.

**Center Street and Battle Street, SW 24-005203**

**May 14 12:39 p.m.**

Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Center Street. Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Battle Street, crossing Center Street when the two vehicles collided.

**Please contact Ruth Rohr for further information on any of these cases at [Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov](mailto: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**

**On Wednesday, April 24th, 2024, at approximately 6:43 p.m., a serious pedestrian accident occurred at Church Street and East Street in the Town of Vienna. The police department is seeking your help. If you witnessed the incident or have a security camera that might have recorded it, please contact the Vienna Police Department at (703) 255-6366 and mention case number 2024-4331.**

**FBI Public Service Announcement and make the community aware.**

**Vienna Police Department**



**September 12, 2023**

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](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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August 22, 2023



## 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/>.

