



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

May 24, 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 17, 2024 to May 23, 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

Assault 24-005200

200 Block Cherry Street, SW

May 14 12:08 a.m.

Officers responded to an argument between employees of a cleaning crew. One of the employees reported the argument escalated when her supervisor assaulted her. The other employees advised it was only a verbal dispute and that no assault occurred.

The employee was advised of the warrant process should she decide to pursue charges against her supervisor.

Animal Case 24-005269

Hope Advanced Veterinary Center

140 Park Street, SE

May 15 5:00 p.m.

A citizen brought a baby fox to the veterinary center that was injured after being struck by a vehicle. The technicians euthanized the animal and ACO Barker transported the fox to the Health Department for rabies testing.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 24-005345

Wawa

465 Maple Avenue, West

May 17 3:40 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a man who was harassing customers. They observed the man walking away from Wawa and, upon their interaction with him, detected signs of intoxication.

Ofc Ludwick arrested the 32-year-old man from Ridgeview Road in Reva, Virginia. Due to the man's level of intoxication, he was transported to a medical facility for assessment. After being cleared by the medical staff, he was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public.

Suspicious Event 24-005355

Walgreens

225 Maple Avenue, East

May 17 3:54 p.m.

A resident reported that when she tried to pick up her prescription at the pharmacy, an employee advised her someone else had already picked up her medication. It was undetermined if a crime occurred.

Assault 24-005346
Vienna Community Center
120 Cherry Street, SE
May 17 4:17 p.m.

An officer responded to a fight between juveniles at the Vienna Community Center.

Arrest - Alcohol Violation 24-005354
100 Block Patrick Street, SE
May 17 8:19 p.m.

An officer observed a man drinking alcohol in public. PFC Mayar issued a summons to the 28-year-old man from Patrick Street, SE in Vienna. The man was released on his signature.

Business Alarm 24-005366
300 Block Maple Avenue, West
May 18 10:54 a.m.

Officers responding to an alarm in an office suite found an unsecured door. The officers searched the office and found nothing appeared suspicious.

Suspicious Event 24-005371
200 Block Cedar Lane, SE
May 18 2:02 p.m.

A citizen reported the lights were on in the store, but there appeared to be an issue with the front door. An officer found the door was unsecured and the business appeared to be open, however, there were no employees in the store. The officer contacted a regional manager who sent an employee to secure the door.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 24-005384
300 Block Maple Avenue, East
May 19 1:10 a.m.

An officer observed a man who appeared unsteady while standing. The officer was checking on the man's welfare and observed signs of intoxication.

PFC Mayar arrested the 48-year-old man from Glyndon Street, NE. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Drunk In Public.

Animal Case 24-005396
500 Block Devonshire Drive, NE
May 19 1:18 p.m.

A resident reported his neighbor's dog running off its leash. An officer spoke to the dog's owner, who said the dog had accidentally gotten out.

Arrest – Narcotics Violation 24-005407

400 Block Center Street, North

Maple 19 10:21 p.m.

Officers responded to a report of a group of individuals in the area located five men near the bike trail and detected an odor of marijuana. Two of the men, a 19-year-old from Carrhill Road in Vienna and a 20-year-old man from Statute Lane in Vienna, were issued summonses charging Possession of Marijuana. A third man, a 20-year-old man from Glyndon Street NE in Vienna was issued a summons charging Distribution of Marijuana. The men were released on their signatures. After being warned about being in the park after dark, the group left the area.

Fraud 24-005466

100 Block Saratoga Way, NE

May 21 10:26 a.m.

A resident reported a man came to her door selling magazine subscriptions. She gave him a check for payment and was given a receipt. Later she found information online that the company was a scam. The resident notified her bank and canceled the check.

Found Property 24-005480

Tapawingo Road and Fredrick Street, SW

May 21 7:31 p.m.

A resident found a bicycle abandoned in the area.

Police Service 24-005482

500 Block Tapawingo Road, SW

May 21 7:59 p.m.

An officer made a notification to a resident at the request of another police jurisdiction.

Found Property 24-005496

Meadow Lane Park

400 Meadow Lane, SW

May 22 9:34 a.m.

A resident found a baby stroller abandoned at the park.

Arrest – Alcohol Violation 24-005522

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

May 22 10:30 p.m.

An officer observed a man drinking alcohol in the shopping center parking lot. PFC Mayar issued a summons to the 46-year-old man from Patrick Street, SE in Vienna charging Drinking Alcohol in Public. The man was released on his signature.

Suspicious Event 24-005530
200 Block Courthouse Road, SW
May 23 9:31 a.m.

A resident reported ongoing disputes he is having with his neighbor.

Arrest – Warrant Service 24-005538
Desale Street and Sanoey Circle, SW
May 23 12:28 p.m.

Officers were searching the area for a juvenile who was wanted in Fairfax County. The officer located the juvenile walking in the area of Desale Street and Sanoey Circle. Ofc. Ludwick took the juvenile into custody and transported her to Fairfax County Juvenile Intake where she was charged with Violation of a Shelter Care Order.

Trespassing 24-005533
Patrick Henry Library
101 Maple Avenue, East
May 23 12:44 p.m.

The manager of the library wanted a man trespassed who had threatened him and was acting disorderly toward the other patrons. The man left the library before officers arrived. An officer located the man in the area and advised him of the trespass notice and that he may be arrested if he returned to the premises.

Natural Death 24-005556
100 Block James Drive, SE
May 23 9:54 p.m.

Neighbors reported they had not seen a resident for a few days and were concerned for his wellbeing. The neighbors checked the windows of the home and observed the resident unresponsive in his bedroom. Officers responded with rescue personnel who confirmed the man was deceased.

CASE UPDATES

None

CRASHES

400 Block Nutley Street, NW 24-5211

May 14 4:00 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on Nutley Street. Vehicle-1 was traveling southbound on Nutley Street and struck the rear driver's side corner of Vehicle-2.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging No Operator's License.

Beulah Road and Church Street, NE 24-005404

May 19 8:02 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was eastbound on Church Street, crossing Beulah Road with a green traffic light. Vehicle-1 was northbound on Beulah Road and struck Vehicle-2 in the intersection.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Obey a Traffic Signal.

Maple Avenue and Park Street, NE 24-005430

May 20 2:45 p.m.

Vehicle-2, a cement truck, was eastbound on Maple Avenue, in the left turn lane for Park Street, NE. Vehicle-1 was traveling behind Vehicle-2. Vehicle-2 slowed in traffic. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2 causing significant damage to their vehicle. Vehicle-1 fled the scene without stopping. Vehicle-2 was not damaged.

500 Block Maple Avenue, West 24-5433

May 20 3:32 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 attempted to merge from the left lane into the right lane when it struck Vehicle-1 causing minor damage to both vehicles.

300 Block Orchard Street, NW 24-005476

May 21 4:09 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was on Orchard Street traveling toward Malcolm Road. A juvenile pedestrian, who was not in a crosswalk, ran across the road and was struck by Vehicle-1. The juvenile was transported by rescue personnel to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Please contact Ruth Rohr for further information on any of these cases at 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



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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/>.

