



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

July 12, 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 July 3, 2024 to July 11, 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 24-007746

Historic Vienna, Inc.

131 Church Street, NE

Between June 1 at 9:00 a.m. and July 2 at 9:00 a.m.

A resident reported someone opened a credit account using her personal information with her work address. She received another notification from the bank stating that her mailing address for the account had changed to another address in Maryland.

Found Property 24-007682

143 Maple Avenue, East

July 3 11:01 a.m.

A citizen reported a bicycle that was abandoned in bushes behind Whole Foods.

Suspicious Event 24-007686

Maple Avenue and Berry Street, SE

July 3 12:50 p.m.

A citizen was turning left from Berry Street, SE onto Maple Avenue when the driver behind her began honking his horn. The two vehicles pulled into a parking lot where the other driver exited his vehicle, yelling and acting aggressively toward the citizen and her husband before he drove away.

Vandalism 24-007694

500 Block Creek Crossing Road, NE

July 3 2:29 p.m.

A resident reported someone had been dumping trash in their driveway for the past few years.

Missing Person 24-007704

500 Block Macarthur Avenue, NE

July 3 10:46 p.m.

An officer responded to a residence for the report of a missing adult. When the officer arrived, the resident's son had returned home. The son advised he left home because he was upset, but he did not need any assistance.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 24-7707

Wawa

465 Maple Avenue, West

July 4 12:52 a.m.

An officer observed three individuals sitting in the Wawa parking lot. One of the individuals was drinking alcohol and showed signs of impairment. The other two individuals did not appear to have been drinking.

Ofc. Fitchue arrested the 32-year-old woman from Centreville Crossing Lane in Alexandria, Virginia. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Drunk In Public and Drinking In Public.

Domestic Assault 24-007724

Courthouse Road, SW

July 4 7:03 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of a domestic assault between a resident and his adult son. The resident reported an argument escalated when they both shoved each other. The two individuals agreed to separate for the night to avoid further disputes.

Business Alarm 24-007732

Taco Bamba

164 Maple Avenue, West

July 5 12:36 a.m.

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

Fraud 24-007889

Bank of America

235 Maple Avenue, West

July 5 1:05 p.m.

A resident deposited a check into the ATM. Three men were in line behind her to use the machine. One of the men scammed the woman, leading her to believe she made an error in her transaction, and offered to assist her. The woman accepted the assistance, gave him her card, and she accessed her account again. The woman did not realize the debit card the man gave back to her was not her own. The woman later found the men went to several different locations withdrawing money from her account.

Juvenile Case 24-007751

Dollar Tree

215 Maple Avenue, West

July 5 10:05 p.m.

An employee reported a juvenile in the store who was requesting police assistance. The juvenile advised he left his home in Fairfax County around 2:00 p.m. and had been wandering around town since. The juvenile's parents had reported him as missing to the Fairfax County Police Department. The juvenile was transported to the Vienna Police Station where rescue was summoned to treat him for heat exhaustion. After being medically cleared by rescue personnel, the juvenile was released to his parents.

Fraud 24-007769

Thai Mom

330 Maple Avenue, West

July 6 2:45 p.m.

An employee reported that a man and his juvenile son entered the business's back door and began asking employees if they wanted to purchase an iPhone. The employee paid for the phone and then realized it was a fraud. The man left the area in a vehicle with fictitious license plates.

Arrest - Alcohol Violation 24-007783

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

July 6 11:28 p.m.

Officers observed two individuals in the parking lot behind Simply Social. One of the individuals was drinking alcohol.

Ofc. Harshfield issued a summons to the 43-year-old man from Cedar Lane, SE in Vienna charging Drinking Alcohol in Public. The man was released on his signature.

Fraud 24-007856

400 Block Council Drive, NE

July 7 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported fraudulent charges made to her company's credit card.

Police Service 24-007874

1200 Block Drake Street, SW

July 8 2:56 p.m.

A resident reported that her child and two other children were not on the school bus that was transporting them from summer school. When officers arrived, the parents found their children were safely home after being placed on the wrong school bus.

Police Service 24-007864

Westbriar Drive, NE

July 8 6:41 p.m.

Officers served an Emergency Custody Order on a resident. The officer transported the resident to an area medical facility where he was evaluated, a Temporary Detention Order was issued, and he was turned over to medical staff for treatment.

Grand Larceny 24-007912

300 Block Lawyers Road, NW

July 9 3:53 p.m.

A tenant believes their eBike may have been taken.

Suspicious Event 24-007940

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

July 10 1:57 p.m.

A resident reported her sister took her keys during an ongoing dispute.

Police Service 24-007942

300 Block Lawyers Road, NW

July 10 2:00 p.m.

A tenant requested an officer's presence while she and her relative retrieved her belongings from the home she had been renting. The landlord had blocked the tenant's door to prevent her from accessing the home. The officer's attempts to contact the landlord were unsuccessful. The tenant was advised to contact her attorney to discuss means of retrieving her property.

Arrest – Warrant Service 24-007943

Vienna Police Station

215 Center Street, South

July 10 3:07 p.m.

A citizen came to the police station to accept service of a warrant from Prince William County. Ofc. Ebrahimi served the warrant on the 22-year-old man from Chimborazo Boulevard in Richmond, Virginia. The man was released on his signature.

Juvenile Case 24-007952

Courthouse Road, SW

July 10 9:25 p.m.

An officer responded to a dispute between a resident and his juvenile son.

Found Property 24-007971

100 Block Casmar Street, SE

July 11 11:02 a.m.

A resident reported an abandoned bicycle in his yard.

Suspicious Event 24-007980

300 Block Windover Avenue, NW

July 11 2:13 p.m.

On July 11, a resident reported two suspicious encounters she had with a man earlier in the week. The man first approached the resident on July 9 while she was walking along the park path behind the Westwood Country Club (800 Maple Avenue, East). The second encounter occurred on July 10 near Center Street and Church Street, NE. Both incidents happened between 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. No crime was committed, however the man's statements were suspicious.

Welfare Check 24-007985

1200 Block Cottage Street, SW

July 11 3:21 p.m.

Virginia State Police requested a welfare check on a resident after the man sent concerning text messages to a former college professor. Family members advised the resident was not home at the time. Virginia State Police later located him.

Animal Case 24-007988

Westwood Country Club

800 Maple Avenue, East

July 11 5:07 p.m.

An employee found a tagged parakeet in the golf cart shed. The parakeet was transported to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

CASE UPDATES

None

CRASHES

200 Block Maple Avenue, East 24-007647

July 2 2:25 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound on Maple Avenue, East. Vehicle-2 slowed in traffic. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2. Driver-2 was transported to an area hospital by rescue personnel with a non-life-threatening injury.

200 Block Harmony Drive, SW 24-007708

July 4 4:45 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked eastbound on Harmony Drive, SW. Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound when they veered into the opposite lane and collided with Vehicle-2.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Texting While Driving.

Maple Avenue and Nutley Street, SW 24-007865

July 8 5:19 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling in the left eastbound lane on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was eastbound on Maple in the left turn lane to go northbound on Nutley Street, changed lanes to go straight, and struck Vehicle-2.

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

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE 24-007933

July 10 11:30 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in the parking lot when it was struck by Vehicle-1. Driver-1 fled the scene without providing their information.

215 Maple Avenue, West 24-007940

July 10 8:52 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 made an improper lane change to turn right into a parking lot and collided with Vehicle-2.

200 Block Maple Avenue, East 24-007984

July 11 3:13 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue in adjacent lanes. Vehicle-1 made an improper lane change, merging into Vehicle-2 and causing minor damage to both vehicles.

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

CITIZEN NOTES



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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.



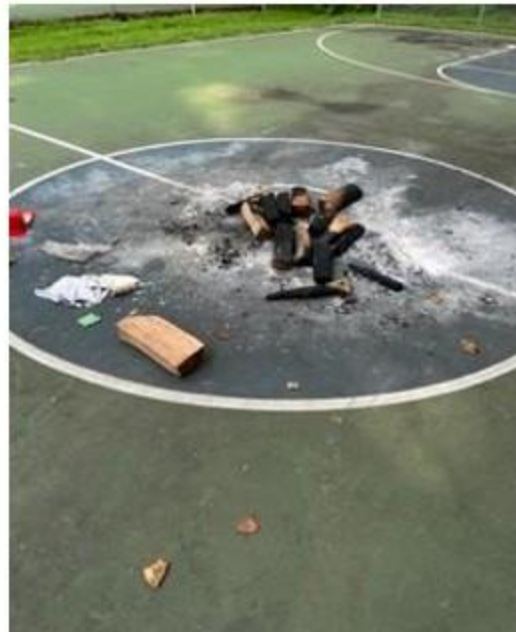
Vienna Police Department

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/>.

