



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

July 19, 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 12, 2024 to July 18, 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 24-008100

200 Block Cherry Street, SW

Between May 24 at 12:00 p.m. and July 8 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported unauthorized charges on her credit card accounts.

Suspicious Event 24-008072

400 Block Center Street, South

Between July 5 at 12:00 p.m. and July 13 at 5:41 p.m.

A resident reported concern for another person who resides in the home.

Fraud 24-008023

900 Block Timber Lane, SW

Between July 11 at 1:30 p.m. and July 12 at 11:00 a.m.

A resident reported she received a phone call from someone claiming to work for the Federal Trade Commission. She complied with the callers' instructions and provided them with her debit card information. The resident later found her card was used to make several unauthorized transactions.

Juvenile Case 24-008041

700 Block Upham Place, NW

June 12 10:14 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a loud party with juveniles. The officers found that no one underage had been drinking, and all guests agreed to leave the premises.

Police Service 24-008053

900 Block Desale Street, Sw

July 13 10:28 a.m.

A resident turned in ammunition for destruction.

Suspicious Event 24-008097

100 Block Church Street, NW

Between July 13 at 12:00 p.m. and July 14 at 8:47 a.m.

A resident reported that her husband had not returned home from work and she was unable to reach him. Her husband was later located at an area hospital.

Arrest – Exposure 24-008077
300 Block Maple Avenue, East
July 13 8:10 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a man walking around without clothes on. The man was located behind one of the businesses cleaning himself.

Ofc. Ludwick arrested the 54-year-old man from Columbia Road, NW, in Washington, DC. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Indecent Exposure.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 24-008079
Pazzo Pomodoro
118 Branch Road, SE
July 13 9:10 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of a man harassing customers. The officer located the man in front of the restaurant. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, he detected signs of intoxication.

The manager of the restaurant trespassed the man from the premises. MPO Smith arrested the 50-year-old man with no fixed address. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public.

Animal Case – Quarantine 24-008080
100 Block Roland Court, SW
July 13 9:30 p.m.

An officer responded to assist rescue personnel with a resident who was bitten and scratched by her cat. The resident was advised of the 10-day quarantine for the animal. She was transported to an area medical facility with minor injuries.

Shoplifting 24-008096
Giant Food
359 Maple Avenue, East
July 14 8:15 a.m.

An employee reported two men filled a grocery bag with various unknown items and left the store without paying for them.

Suspicious Event 24-008106

900 Block Moorefield Creek Road, SW

July 14 7:10 p.m.

A woman was on a run in Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna, when an unknown man in a vehicle began following her. The man got out of his vehicle and continued following her on foot along the path. The woman was able to hide from the man in the residential area of Moorefield Creek Road, where the man continued down Tapawingo Road. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate the man.

Suspicious Event 24-008107

Meadow Lane and Stephen Circle, SW

July 14 10:52 p.m.

A resident and her adult daughter were walking in the area when they observed a vehicle drive erratically into the cul-de-sac, turn off their headlights, and drive back toward them. The vehicle was occupied by four younger men who were using flashlights to look out of the vehicle. The two women ran to a nearby house where the homeowner let them in. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate the men or the vehicle.

Shoplifting 24-008115

Wawa

465 Maple Avenue, West

July 15 12:35 a.m.

An employee reported two teenage males entered the store, stole four cans of beer, and fled the area in a vehicle.

Petit Larceny 24-008135

7-11

537 Maple Avenue, West

July 15 3:00 p.m.

An employee reported her wallet was stolen from the cashier's counter.

Arrest – Warrant Service 24-008138

300 Block Meadow Lane, SW

July 15 between 7:30 p.m. and 7:44 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of two solicitors in the area. One of the men was wanted on an outstanding warrant from Maryland.

Ofc. Harshfield arrested the 27-year-old man from Laurel Oaks Lane, in Laurel, Maryland. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Fugitive From Justice and held without bond.

Trespassing 24-008177
400 Block Welles Street, SE
July 16 5:31 p.m.

A resident reported a suspicious man knocking on their door, who they had also seen in the neighborhood the day before. Officers spoke to the man who stated that he wished to speak to the resident regarding their child's behavior towards him when he was soliciting. At the request of the resident, the man was trespassed from the property. (*Reference Incident 24-008138*).

Suspicious Event 24-008178
Wawa
465 Maple Avenue, West
July 16 5:55 p.m.

An employee reported a couple came into the store and the woman distracted the employee while the man attempted to install what he believed was a card skimmer to the register's card reader. When the employee confronted the man, the couple fled from the store with the device. The device was never secured to the reader, and no financial loss occurred.

Natural Death 24-008194
100 Block Wilmar Place, NW
July 17 between 1:30 a.m. and 2:30 a.m.

A resident reported his father passed away in his home. Rescue personnel responded and confirmed the man was deceased.

CASE UPDATES

Church Street and East Street, SE 24-004331
April 24 6:40 p.m.

Pedestrian-1 was walking southbound in the crosswalk on Church Street at East Street. Vehicle-1 was northbound on East Street, NE, turning left onto Church Street and struck Pedestrian-1. Pedestrian-1 was transported to an area hospital by rescue personnel with critical injuries.

On June 13, Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Yield to a Pedestrian.

CRASHES

100 Block Casmar Drive, SE 24-007908

July 9 1:41 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was on Casmar Street, SE, turning left onto Desale Street when the driver lost control, ran off the roadway, and struck a fence.

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

200 Block Maple Avenue, East 24-008071

July 13 4:56 p.m.

Two vehicles were eastbound on Maple. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

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

178 Patrick Street, SE 24-008101

July 15 11:30 a.m.

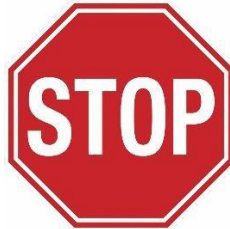
Vehicle-2 was eastbound on Patrick Street. Vehicle-1 was making a left onto the roadway from the parking lot of 178 Patrick Street when the two vehicles collided.

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



The Vienna Police Department Results of the Stop Sign Enforcement Campaign

The Vienna Police Department Operations Division conducts yearly-targeted enforcement campaigns. This past month was stop sign awareness. Officers from the operations division conducted enforcement of stop sign violations within the community. The enforcement resulted in 236 stop sign citations and a total of 153 citations issued for other various traffic violations. The Vienna Police Department will continue to conduct selective enforcement campaigns in the coming months to make our community safe for driving for everyone. We would like to thank the community members who contacted us and made us aware of specific problem intersections, and we will continue to monitor them.

Remember: STOP MEANS STOP!

**For Further Information please contact
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Public Service Announcement

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



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

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.



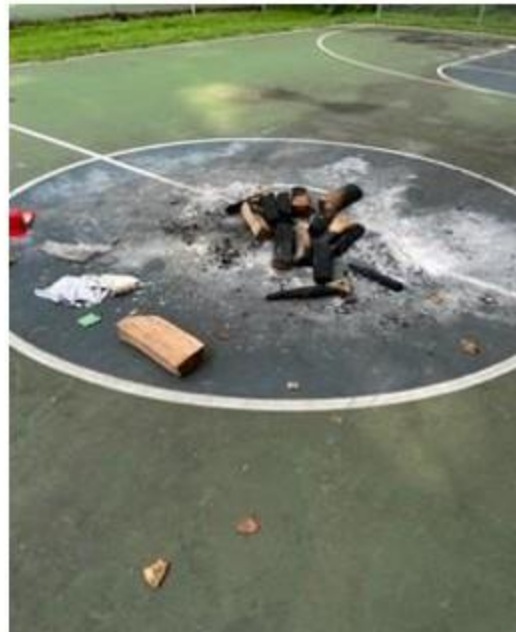
Vienna Police Department

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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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/>.

