



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

August 2, 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 26, 2024 to August 2, 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

Arrest - Drunk in Public 24-008280

Nutley Street, NW / Courthouse Road, SW

July 19 4:45 a.m.

An officer responded to the report of a suspicious person. The officer located the man running on the street. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, he detected signs of intoxication.

Officer Ludwick arrested the 21-year-old man from Glengyle Drive, Vienna, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public and served with an outstanding warrant from Fairfax County.

Vandalism 24-008601

Bear Branch Tavern

133 Maple Avenue, East

July 23 between 6:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

A person reported that someone damaged his vehicle while he was inside the restaurant.

Assault 24-008504

100 Block Patrick Street, SE

July 25 at 3:19 a.m.

A town resident reported an assault had taken place. Officers conducted a thorough investigation involving all parties concerned. Conflicting accounts were provided, and a lack of physical evidence hindered the determination of the primary aggressor. As a result, individuals involved were advised on the process for obtaining an arrest warrant from the magistrate's office.

Open door/window 24-008551

Lawyers Road, NW

July 26 10:11 a.m.

Upon receiving a report from a passerby regarding an open door at a vacant property, law enforcement officers promptly responded to the location. A thorough search of the premises was conducted to ascertain if there was any potentially suspicious activity, yielding negative results.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 24-008558

Church Street, NE

July 26 at 12:18 p.m.

A concerned citizen contacted the police to request a welfare check on an individual. Upon officers' arrival at the residence, officers engaged in a dialogue with the individual, who was experiencing emotional distress. Subsequently, an amicable resolution was reached to facilitate the provision of medical assistance to the individual, and all involved parties expressed satisfaction with the outcome.

Property Found 24-008568

226 Maple Avenue, West

July 26 3:27 p.m.

Someone found a bank card on the ground and turned it in.

Arrest - Drunk In Public 24-008591

Orange Theory

127 Maple Avenue, West

July 27 12:22 a.m.

While on routine patrol Officer Fitchue noticed a man having trouble walking and stumbling while crossing Maple Avenue, East /Center Street, N. Officer Fitchue approached the individual and investigated. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, she detected signs of intoxication.

Officer Fitchue arrested the 32-year-old man from Burton Circle, in Falls Church, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public.

Unlawful Entry 24-008770

900 Block Echols Street, SE

Between July 27 12:00 p.m. and July 30 4:00 p.m.

A Town of Vienna resident reported a break-in over the weekend, with the glass door broken for entry. A few days later, the resident confronted a group of teens on bicycles in the driveway and informed them that they were not authorized to be on the property.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 24-008608

264 Cedar Lane, SE

July 27 between 12:27 p.m. and 12:29 p.m.

A person flagged down a police officer and reported an accident that had just occurred in the parking lot. They stated that the driver involved appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. The driver had hit a parked vehicle and tried to leave the scene. When the officer spoke with the man, he noticed signs of intoxication. The driver failed all sobriety tests.

Officer Mayar arrested the 43-year-old man from Birchdale Square in Woodbridge, Virginia. He was taken to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle.

Open Door/Window 24-008623

South Block

207 Maple Avenue, East

July 27 8:33 p.m.

Upon receiving a report of an open door at a closed business, law enforcement officers responded to the location. A thorough search of the premises was conducted to ascertain if there was any potentially suspicious activity, yielding negative results.

Arrest – Driving Under the Influence, Reckless Driving & Refusal 24-008634

Maple Avenue West / Lewis St, NW

July 28 3:29 a.m.

While conducting stationary radar Officer Stroh observed a vehicle speeding on Maple Avenue, West. The officer initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. When the officer spoke with the man, he noticed signs of intoxication. The driver failed all sobriety tests.

Officer Stroh arrested the 32-year-old man from Borge Street in Oakton, Virginia. He was taken to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving Under The Influence, Reckless Driving (Speed), and Refusal 1st Offense.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 24-008649

900 Block Potterton Circle, SW

July 28 at 9:46 p.m.

A resident requested police assistance in handling an Emotionally Disturbed Person. The person was safely transported to a nearby medical facility for necessary treatment.

Natural Death 24-008663

1300 Block Ross Drive, SW

Between July 28 11:00 p.m. and July 29 9:00 a.m.

Officers responded to the residence to assist medics with a person who had passed away due to what seemed to be natural causes sometime during the night.

Animal Case 24-008766

400 Block Adahi Road, SE

July 29 9:30 a.m.

A resident of the Town of Vienna reported that she was bitten by a dog on the small walking path leading from the W&OD trail to Owaissa Road, SE. The dog was described as a white doodle with black patches, being walked on a leash by a male in his thirties with dark hair.

If anyone knows the dog's owner, please immediately contact our Animal Control Officer at 703-255-6377 so we can contact him to monitor the dog's health and vaccination status.

Police Service 24-008673

900 Block Glyndon Street, SE

July 29 2:36 p.m.

A resident of the Town of Vienna surrendered airsoft guns and ammunition to the Vienna Police Department for destruction.

Residential Alarm 24-008690

300 Block Holmes Drive, NW

July 29 between 3:10 p.m. and 3:12 p.m.

Officers were dispatched to respond to an alarm. Upon arrival, they found a wide-open door. They thoroughly searched the premises for any potentially suspicious activity, but no such activity was found.

Suspicious Event 24-008691

Sharon Lane, NW

July 29 between 3:50 p.m. and 3:55 p.m.

A resident reported a concerning conversation involving an employee. Our officers conducted interviews with all individuals involved in the alleged conversation. After the investigation, it was determined that the matter was civil and not criminal.

Property Found 24-008744

Nutley Street, SW / Marshall Road

July 30 6:00 p.m.

Someone found a car key on the ground and turned it in.

Property Lost 24-008750

527 Maple Avenue, East

July 30 9:51 p.m.

A person walked into the Vienna Police Station to report a lost wallet.

Open Door/Window 24-008751

Westwood Country Club

800 Maple Avenue, East

July 30 10:35 p.m.

Officers responded to reports of an alarm at the cart lodge. They conducted a thorough search to check for any potentially suspicious activity but found nothing.

Arrest – Domestic Assault/Strangulation 24-008752

Oakmont Court, NE

July 30 11:04 p.m.

A resident reported being the victim of domestic assault. Officers responded to the scene and interviewed the parties involved. It was determined that an assault and strangulation had taken place and a man was arrested.

Officer Temple arrested the 29-year-old man from Oakmont Court, NE, in Vienna, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Domestic Assault and Strangulation.

Shoplifting 24-008776

ABC Store

419 Maple Avenue, East, Suite B

July 30 8:00 p.m.

An employee at the store reported a shoplifting incident that occurred in their establishment.

Petit Larceny 24-008778

Vienna Community Center

120 Cherry Street, SE

July 31 between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

An employee reported that someone had stolen an unsecured bicycle.

CASE UPDATES

None.

CRASHES

Hit and Run - 264 Cedar Lane, SE 24-008608

July 27 12:27 p.m.

Vehicle #2 was parked in the Cedar Ln shopping center parking lot facing 264 Cedar Ln SE. Vehicle #1, which does not have insurance, was backing up in the same parking lot facing northbound and struck vehicle #2.

427 Maple Avenue East 24-008689

July 29 3:03 p.m.

Vehicle #1 exited the parking lot onto Maple Ave E and was waved through by another driver. Vehicle #2, traveling in the second lane, struck Vehicle #1.

Driver 1 was issued a summons charging Fail to Yield Right of Way (upon entering a roadway).

418 Maple Avenue, East 24-008645

July 28 5:31 p.m.

Vehicle #1 was turning right onto Maple Ave East from the parking lot of 418 Maple Avenue East. Vehicle #2 was traveling west on Maple Avenue East. The front left of Vehicle #1 struck the rear right of Vehicle #2.

128 Maple Avenue, East 24-008719

July 30 8:11 a.m.

Vehicle #1 stopped at 128 Maple Avenue, East, and attempted to reverse into the parking lot. Vehicle #2 stopped in the right travel lane directly behind. Driver 1 reversed his tractor-trailer and struck Vehicle # 2.

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

Blair Road, NW / Bruton Place, NW 24-008775

July 31 1:41 p.m.

Vehicle #2 and Vehicle #1 were traveling westbound on Blair Road, NW. Vehicle #1 made a wide U-turn on Blair Road, NW, and struck vehicle #2.

Driver #1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.
Driver #2 was issued two summons charging No Drivers License and No insurance.

Please contact Juan Vazquez for further information on any of these cases at Juan.Vazquez@viennava.gov or 703-255-7845.

CITIZEN NOTES



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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.



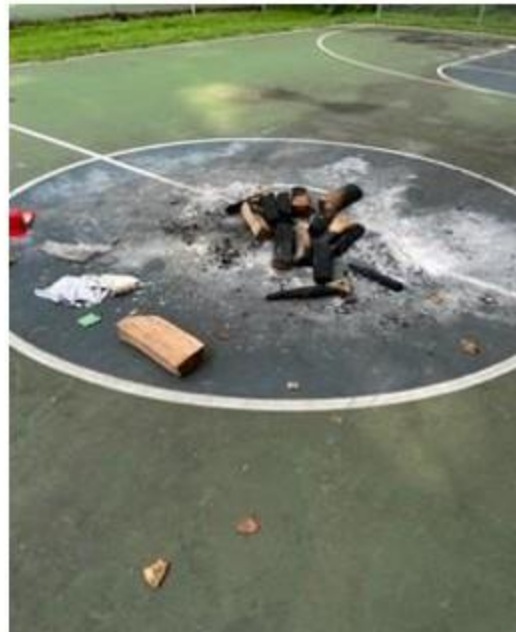
Vienna Police Department

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/>.

