



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

August 23, 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 August 16, 2024 to August 22, 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

Domestic Assault 24-009366

Oakmont Court, NE

July 30 9:00 p.m.

On August 17, a resident who was arrested in a previous case on July 30 (*Reference August 2, 2024, Vienna Police Highlights Incident #24-008752*) came to the Vienna Police Station to report that his wife had assaulted him that night and prevented him from leaving the home. This case is being investigated.

Reckless Driver 24-009162

100 Block Patrick Street, SE

August 11 10:45 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of a vehicle being driven on the lawn of the apartment complex and getting stuck on a sewer drain. The driver was issued a summons charging Reckless Driving.

Emergency Custody Order 24-009217

Center Street, North

August 13 11:13 a.m.

An officer served an Emergency Custody Order on a resident. The resident was transported to an area medical facility for treatment.

Trespassing 24-009253

264 Block Cedar Lane, SE

August 14 9:02 a.m.

An employee with the shopping center's property management company requested officers assist him in trespassing a man who they have had continuous issues with and who refused to leave the property. The man was advised that he may be charged with trespassing if he returned to the premises.

Fraud 24-009296

Walgreen's

225 Maple Avenue, East

August 14 12:00 p.m.

A citizen reported someone was using a relative's personal information to obtain prescriptions fraudulently.

Assault 24-009262

Massage Envy

126 Branch Road, SE, A

August 14 2:02 p.m.

A discussion between two employees escalated. One employee claimed she was slapped by her coworker during the argument. However, there were conflicting stories between the two employees. Neither party showed any signs of injury. Both were advised of the warrant process should they wish to pursue charges.

One of the employees went to the magistrate's office and obtained a summons charging Assault. On August 15, PFC Mayar served the summons on the 31-year-old woman from Woodford Road in Vienna. The woman was released on her signature.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 24-009304

100 Block Patrick Street, SE

August 15 10:10 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a disturbance in an apartment and located the resident in the area of 7-11 on Park Street. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, they detected signs of intoxication and attempted to arrest him, however he began to resist the officers.

Ofc. Ludwick arrested and transported the 44-year-old man from Patrick Street, SE in Vienna to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Obstruction of Justice and Drunk In Public.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 24-009307

500 Block Church Street, NE

August 16 1:25 a.m.

An officer observed a man stumbling in the parking lot, almost falling into the creek. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, they detected signs of intoxication. A friend of the man came to the scene and transported him home safely.

PFC Stroh issued a summons to the 51-year-old man from Wasp Lane in McLean, Virginia charging Drunk In Public. The man was released on his signature.

Larceny 24-009401

400 Block Upham Place, NW

Between August 16 at 9:00 a.m. and August 18 at 8:00 a.m.

A resident reported U.S. currency was taken from their home.

Found Property 24-009322

Courthouse Road and Plum Street, SW

August 16 12:56 p.m.

A citizen turned in a vehicle key fob they found at the intersection.

Police Service 24-009330
300 Block Talahi Road, SE
August 16 4:13 p.m.

Officers assisted Fairfax County Police in arresting a man who had several active warrants in their jurisdiction.

Arrest – Assault 24-009356
427 Maple Avenue, East
August 17 4:21 a.m.

Officers were on routine patrol when they were approached by a man who began yelling profanities at them and acting erratically. When the man threatened both officers he was placed under arrest.

PFC Rodriguez transported the 45-year-old man from Sylva Lane in Staten Island, New York to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he continued to act aggressively. The man was charged with Felony Assault on a Police Officer and held without bond.

Found Property 24-009367
500 Block Kingsley Road, SW
August 17 3:29 p.m.

A resident reported a purse was left hanging from a tree in their yard.

Arrest – Drunk In Public and Indecent Exposure 24-009371
Park Street and Patrick Street, SE
August 17 8:05 p.m.

An officer observed three men in the area, two of them were urinating on the sidewalk. One of the men walked away. Upon the officer's interaction with the other man, they detected signs of intoxication.

PFC Rodriguez arrested the 47-year-old man from Patrick Street, SE in Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public and Indecent Exposure.

Petit Larceny 24-009379
CVS
337 Maple Avenue, East
August 18 12:12 a.m.

An employee reported four women entered the store, placed several items into a bag, and left without paying for them.

Welfare Check 24-009392

900 Block Lynnhill Court, NE

August 18 10:10 a.m.

At the request of a relative, officers checked on the welfare of a man who had been staying with a family member.

Arrest – Trespassing and Unlawful Entry 24-009399

100 Block Church Street, NW

August 18 6:46 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a man entering the window of an abandoned building. Several attempts were made to get the man to exit the building, however he refused to do so. Officers found the man hiding in a closet and placed him under arrest.

Ofc. Rodriguez transported the 39-year-old man with no fixed address to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. He was charged with Unlawful Entry, Trespassing, Obstruction of Justice, and Providing False Identification to a Police Officer.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 24-009403

Beulah Road and Church Street, NE

August 18 10:41 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a man yelling incoherently and walking into traffic. The officers located the man in the 300 block of Church Street, NE. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, they detected signs of impairment. The man attempted to flee from the officers, running eastbound on Church Street. Officers stopped the man in the 400 block of Maple Avenue, East where he was placed under arrest.

Ofc. Harshfield transported the 32-year-old man from Ridgeview Road in Reva, Virginia to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public.

Suspicious Event 24-009404

100 Block Patrick Street, SE

August 19 1:37 a.m.

A resident reported ongoing issues with his roommate. The resident was advised of the processes to obtain a warrant and an eviction.

Fraud 24-009425

100 Block Locust Street, SW

August 19 between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

A resident received a fraudulent phone call from someone claiming to be from the Sheriff's Department advising her that she had missed federal court and would have to pay a fine to avoid jail time. The caller had the resident remain on the phone with them while she went to her bank, withdrew money, and paid him through Bitcoin transactions.

Animal Case – Quarantine 24-009462

Hope Advanced Veterinary Center

August 20 10:26 a.m.

A technician was bitten by a dog while attempting to give it oral medication. The dog's owner was advised of the 10-quarantine.

Police Service 24-009463

Inova-GoHealth Urgent Care

180 Maple Avenue, West

August 21 8:29 a.m.

Officers responded to assist rescue personnel with a woman who was experiencing mental health issues. Rescue personnel transported the woman to an area hospital for evaluation.

CASE UPDATES

None

CRASHES

Maple Avenue, West and James Madison Drive 24-009302

August 15 5:21 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-2 stopped quickly when a vehicle pulled out in front of them. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2 causing minor damage to both vehicles.

400 Block Maple Avenue, West 24-009329

August 16 3:27 p.m.

Two vehicles were westbound on Maple Avenue in adjacent lanes. Vehicle-1 attempted to merge into the left lane and struck Vehicle-2 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



September 12, 2023

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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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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/>.

