



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

September 20, 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 September 13, 2024 to September 19, 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 24-010423

200 Block Whispering Wind Court, SE

August 16 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported they were notified of an outstanding balance on their business account with a company they frequently contract with. The resident paid the balance and later found that the company that contacted her was not who they had contracted with, but someone fraudulently representing themselves as being with that company.

Police Service 24-010342

900 Block Dale Court, SE

Between September 2 at 7:00 p.m. and September 13 at 3:30 p.m.

A resident reported a former roommate was harassing him.

Animal Case – Quarantine 24-010189

Hope Advanced Veterinary Center

140 Park Street, SE

September 4 10:00 a.m.

On September 6, the Health Department reported a dog bit a technician during a medical procedure at the Clifton-Centreville Animal Clinic. The dog was transferred to the Hope Advanced Veterinary Center for further treatment during its quarantine. Later that day, the dog was released to its owner in Centreville, Virginia. The Health Department was notified to follow up on the remainder of the quarantine.

Animal Case – Quarantine 24-010253

500 Block East Creek Court, NE

September 9 12:00 p.m.

The Health Department reported a resident was pet-sitting a dog when the dog bit him. The dog is current on all vaccines and will remain in the resident's care during the quarantine.

Vehicle Tampering 24-010331

600 Block Manor Drive, NE

Between September 10 at 12:00 p.m. and September 12 at 8:00 a.m.

A resident reported someone rummaged through his unlocked vehicle. Nothing appeared to have been stolen.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 24-010229

300 Block Maple Avenue, East

September 10 2:20 p.m.

An officer observed a driver commit a traffic offense in the area of Park Street and Maple Avenue and initiated a traffic stop. The driver disregarded the officer's attempt to stop them and continued traveling southbound on Glyndon Street and into a parking lot. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, she detected signs of impairment. During the traffic stop, the driver attempted to drive away from the scene and left the parking lot. The officers followed the vehicle a short distance until the driver pulled into the parking lot of the Chase Bank. The driver failed a series of field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest.

Ofc. Ebrahimi transported the 61-year-old woman from Oak Crest Court in Dumfries, Virginia to the Vienna Police Station where she refused to provide a sample of her breath for analysis. The woman was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Driving While Intoxicated, Eluding Police, Refusal of Breath Test Second Offense, Failure to Obey a Red Traffic Signal, and Texting While Driving.

Vehicle Tampering 24-010275

900 Block Westwood Drive, NE

Between September 10 at 10:00 p.m. and September 11 at 9:00 a.m.

A resident reported someone rummaged through his unlocked vehicle. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Vehicle Tampering 24-010277

900 Block Fairway Drive, NE

September 11 between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

A resident reported someone rummaged through her unlocked vehicle. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Petit Larceny 24-010295

300 Blair Court, NW

September 11 5:21 a.m.

A resident reported someone rummaged through his unlocked vehicle and stole U.S. currency and cologne.

Emergency Custody Order 24-010266
Marshall Road Elementary School
730 Marshall Road, SW
September 11 11:24 a.m.

Officers assisted the Fairfax County Sheriff's Department in serving an Emergency Custody Order on an employee after she made concerning statements regarding an ongoing civil dispute in Fairfax City. The statements she made were not related to the school, students, or staff. The woman was transported to a medical facility where she was evaluated and a Temporary Detention Order was issued.

Arrest – Warrant Service and Petit Larceny 24-010307 and 24-010314
7-11
427 Maple Avenue, East
September 12 1:57 p.m.

An employee reported a disorderly man left the store without paying for a fountain drink. When the employee confronted the man outside the store, he threw his drink at him and began walking westbound. Officers located the man outside the PNC Bank at 353 Maple Avenue, East. They found there was an outstanding warrant for the man in Fairfax County. The employee did not wish to pursue larceny charges but requested the man be trespassed from the 7-11.

PFC Carne arrested the 22-year-old man from Hammond Street in Alexandria, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where the warrant charging Violation of Probation was served on him and he was held without bond.

Animal Case - 24-010486
1100 Block Lakewood Drive, SW
September 12 at 6:00 p.m.

On September 17, a resident reported that his child was injured by a dog at her friend's house on September 12, resulting in the child being taken to the hospital for treatment. The dog's owner was located and informed of the 10-day quarantine process. Due to prior incidents, the owner indicated they would surrender the dog to the shelter to prevent further issues

Animal Case – Quarantine 24-010320
200 Block Park Terrace Court, SE
September 12 8:35 p.m.

A resident reported she was walking her dog at the community center when the dog broke away from her and attacked another dog causing injury to its neck. An officer advised her of the 10-day quarantine. The owner of the injured dog immediately took it to the emergency vet clinic where it was treated and released.

On September 16, ACO Barker followed up with both parties. The resident reported she had surrendered the dog to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter to be euthanized and requested her information be provided to the other party for her to cover his dog's medical bills.

Juvenile Case 24-010336
200 Block Cedar Lane, SE
September 13 11:16 a.m.

Child Protective Services reported a juvenile was threatened by her adult brother. An officer will follow up with the family.

Animal Case - 24-010463
300 Block Broadleaf Drive, NE
September 14 at 1:00 p.m.

A resident reported being bitten on the left thigh by a dog while walking near Glyndon Park. The owner of the dog was located and informed of the 10-day quarantine process.

Trespassing 24-010375
600 Block Echols Street, SE
September 14 2:19 p.m.

A resident requested assistance in trespassing a man from her property. The resident provided the man with shelter because he needed a place to stay. However, she reported he was becoming abusive toward her and refused to leave. At the request of the resident, the man was trespassed from the property.

Animal Case 24-010384
300 Block Courthouse Road, SW
September 14 8:00 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of a deer that had been struck by a vehicle. The officer found the deer was in grave condition and euthanized the animal.

Arrest – Petit Larceny 24-010387
Wawa
465 Maple Avenue, West
September 14 9:00 p.m.

An employee stopped three individuals who took items from the store and left without paying for them. One of the individuals was an adult who had taken two bottles of alcohol underage. He returned the alcohol to the employee. The other two individuals were juveniles who paid for the non-alcoholic drinks they had taken. An officer issued a summons charging each of the individuals with Petit Larceny. The adult was released on his signature. The two juveniles were released to their parents. At the request of the employee, they were all trespassed from the premises.

Vandalism 24-10516

Emmaus United Church of Christ

900 Maple Avenue, East

September 15 9:00 a.m.

An employee at the Church found the door to the outside free food pantry was smashed and broken.

Natural Death 24-010392

200 Block Yeonas Drive, SW

September 15 10:06 a.m.

A resident requested a welfare check on her roommate whom she had not communicated with for a couple of days. Officers found the woman deceased in her bedroom from natural causes.

Vehicle Tampering 24-010500

200 Block James Drive, SW

Between September 15 at 11:00 a.m. and September 18 at 10:00 a.m.

A resident reported the theft of a catalytic converter from his vehicle parked on the roadway in front of his home.

Grand Larceny 24-010394

Giant Food

359 Maple Avenue, East

September 15 12:19 p.m.

An employee reported a man attempted to leave the store with a cart full of groceries without paying for them. The employee stopped the man who left the cart but fled the scene.

Suspicious Event 24-010395

600 Block Echols Street, SE

September 15 12:52 p.m.

An officer observed a man in the yard of a residence that he had previously been trespassed from. The resident was not home at the time. She advised she would seek to obtain a protective order against the man. (*Reference Incident 23-010375*)

Petit Larceny 24-010415

264 Cedar Lane, SE

September 15 7:00 p.m.

A resident reported that his son left his bicycle unsecured in front of the Dollar Tree. When he returned a few minutes later, the bike had been stolen. The resident found a bicycle that appeared to be his son's chained to a bike rack but was unable to provide a serial number to verify it was their bike.

Suspicious Event 24-010409
100 Block Patrick Street, SE
September 15 10:42 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of a dispute between tenants.

Petit Larceny 24-010488
1400 Block Cottage Street, SW
September 17 between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

A resident reported the theft of two packages that were delivered to her front porch.

Trespassing - 24-010470
Walgreens
225 Maple Avenue, East
September 17 at 6:01 p.m.

A store employee requested police assistance to trespass an individual. The person was trespassed without incident.

Vehicle Tampering - 24-010484
Westwood Country club
800 Maple Avenue, East
September 17 at 6:30 p.m. and September 18 7:00 a.m.

A vehicle parked overnight in the lot was found with a broken window. The owner was located, and it was confirmed that nothing was missing from the vehicle.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 24-010472
Petco & Walgreens
225 Maple Avenue, East
September 17 8:29 p.m.

At 7:15 p.m. a Petco employee requested police assistance regarding a person harassing staff. The individual was located and agreed to leave. At 8:29 p.m., a Walgreens employee reported the same issue with the same person. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, they detected signs of intoxication.

Ofc. Ludwick arrested the 58-year-old man, who had no fixed address. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where he was charged with Drunk in Public.

Trespassing 24-010501
Lilys Chocolate & Coffee
175 Maple Avenue, East
September 18 at 5:17 p.m.

An employee requested police assistance with an individual who was refusing to leave. Officers located the person and issued a trespass notice, and the person left the store without further incident.

Arrest – Possession of Control Substance & Prescription Fraud 24-010506

CVS

337 Maple Avenue, East

September 18 at 7:47 p.m.

An employee reported a man who was attempting to fraudulently obtain prescription drugs at the pharmacy.

PFC Garcia arrested the 29-year-old man from Wolfhound Square in Ashburn, Virginia, and transported him to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with felony Possession of Schedule I or II Controlled Substances and Obtaining Prescription by Fraud.

Assist Fire/EMS 24-010511

100 Block Tapawingo Road, SW

September 18 at 11:57 p.m.

A resident reported they found their relative, who suffered from medical issues, unresponsive on the ground outside of their home. An officer arrived and administered CPR until an ambulance took over and transported the person to the hospital, where they were later pronounced deceased.

Trespassing 24-010547

Jammin Java

227 Maple Avenue, East 24-010547

September 19 10:00 p.m.

An employee reported a man came into the business during an event without purchasing a pass. The man became irate when the employee asked him to leave and the employee was concerned the man may have stolen some items. The employee requested the man be trespassed from the premises. Officers located the man at the bus stop in front of the establishment. Upon checking his identification, the officer found the man had an active warrant in Maryland, however, they were not willing to extradite him from out of state. The officer trespassed the man from Jammin Java.

CASE UPDATES

None

CRASHES

300 Block Tapawingo Road, SE 24-010335

September 13 10:54 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on Tapawingo Road. Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound, trying to pass Vehicle-2, and struck the bumper.

Nutley Street and Kingsley Road, SW 24-010364

September 14 8:57 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was stopped on westbound Kingsley Road, attempting to turn left onto southbound Nutley Street. Vehicle-2 was in the left northbound travel lane of Nutley Street when the two vehicles collided.

Maple Avenue and East Street, SE 24-010377

September 14 4:02 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue in adjacent lanes. Vehicle-1 attempted to change from the left lane to the right lane and collided with Vehicle-2.

418 Maple Avenue, East 24-010399

September 15 4:03 p.m.

Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2 while he was attempting to exit the parking lot of 418 Maple Avenue, East causing minor damage to both vehicles.

300 Block Maple Avenue, East 24-010431

September 16 5:24 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound in the right lane of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-2 was traveling in the left lane. Vehicle-1 merged into the left lane and struck Vehicle-2. Vehicle-2 fled the scene without stopping.

Maple Avenue and Center Street, NE 24-010432

September 16 6:19 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped for the red traffic signal on westbound Maple Avenue at Center Street. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

110 Lawyers Road, NW 24-010433

September 16 6:49 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Lawyers Road. Vehicle-1 was turning left from the parking lot of 110 Lawyers Road when the two vehicles collided.

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

143 Maple Avenue, East 24-010496

September 18 12:51 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in the parking lot. Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2 and fled the scene without providing their information.

500 Block Meadow Lane, SW 24-010533

September 19 3:00 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was parked in a curbside parking lot. Vehicle-2 (a pickup truck with a utility trailer that was open) was parked in front of Vehicle-1. Vehicle-1 struck the rear corner of the trailer as it was attempting to pull onto Meadow Lane.

359 Maple Avenue, East 24-010537

September 19 5:00 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in the parking lot. Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2 and fled the scene without providing their information.

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

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CITIZEN NOTES



September 12, 2023

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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.



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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/>.

