



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

October 4, 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 27, 2024 to October 3, 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 24-010683

400 Block Glyndon Street, SE

September 13 9:00 a.m.

A resident reported that someone used her personal information to attempt to open a bank account.

Domestic Assault 24-010602

200 Cedar Lane, SE

September 21 10:02 a.m.

A resident reported that she had a verbal dispute with her brother earlier that morning, and it escalated when he pulled her hair and slapped her face. The brother left the residence before officers arrived. The resident had no visible signs of injuries from the assault. She was advised of the warrant process should she decide to pursue charges.

Domestic Assault 24-010797

Cedar Lane, SE

September 21 12:00 p.m.

On September 26, officers responded to a domestic dispute between roommates who had been in a relationship. Both parties reported another dispute they had on September 21 that became physical, both claiming they had been assaulted by the other.

Both parties were provided information on obtaining a warrant should they wish to pursue charges. One of the roommates advised he would be moving out to avoid further conflicts.

Fraud 24-10833

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

Between September 22 at 12:00 p.m. and September 27 at 9:00 p.m.

A resident reported he received a text message that he believed was a legitimate employment opportunity that would be online through Amazon. The resident began the training online, resulting in him being defrauded.

Missing Adult 24-010857

100 Block Patrick Street, SE

Between September 25 at 3:00 p.m. and September 28 at 1:00 p.m.

A couple requested a welfare check on their adult son. The mother advised her son called her on September 25th from Washington, DC, and made some concerning statements. Since then, she has been unable to locate her son. Officers checked the son's residence with the couple but found no one was home. Due to the statements he made and the unusual circumstances, the man was entered as missing into the national law enforcement database. Detectives are investigating the case.

Police Service 24-010737
900 Block Glyndon Street, SE
September 26 12:14 a.m.

At the request of a resident, an officer transported him to an area medical facility for evaluation. A family member responded to bring the man home after his evaluation.

Found Property 24-010773
Courthouse Road and Locust Street, SW
September 26 6:59 a.m.

A citizen turned in a wallet they found at the intersection.

Arrest – Petit Larceny 24-010744
Walgreens
225 Maple Avenue, East
September 26 8:37 a.m.

An employee reported that a man who was previously trespassed from the premises was back in the store shoplifting. Officers located the man with the stolen merchandise at the bus stop across from the store. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, they detected signs of intoxication.

PFC Mayar arrested the 58-year-old man from Park Road in Capitol Heights, Maryland. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Petit Larceny, Trespassing, and Drunk in Public.

Assault 24-010826
200 Block Locust Street, SE
September 27 6:30 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a fight. They located a resident who reported he had been assaulted by an acquaintance during an altercation and that the man had left the area. Rescue personnel responded to evaluate the resident who showed visible injuries to the head and face. The resident refused to be transported to a hospital for further treatment and refused to pursue charges against the acquaintance.

Noise Violation 24-010893
600 Block John Marshall Drive, NE
September 28 11:37 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a loud party. The homeowner's son advised he was having a party for some of his friends when a large group of uninvited guests arrived causing a disturbance. The uninvited guests fled the area as the officers arrived. Arrangements were made for the other juveniles to get home safely.

Arrest - Driving While Intoxicated 24-010900

400 Block Maple Avenue, West

September 29 1:15 a.m.

An officer observed a vehicle traveling above the posted speed limit and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, he detected signs of impairment. The man failed to complete a series of field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest.

Det. Reedy transported the 32-year-old man from Plum Street, SW in Vienna to the Vienna Police Station where he provided a sample of his breath for analysis. He was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

Arrest – Domestic Assault 24-010902

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

September 29 3:38 a.m.

Officers responded to the report of an argument. The dispute escalated when the resident assaulted her husband resulting in minor injuries.

Ofc. Temple arrested the 40-year-old woman from Cedar Lane, SE in Vienna. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Domestic Assault and an Emergency Protective Order was issued. The woman was released on a \$1500 unsecured bond.

Suspicious Event 24-010905

400 Block Malcolm Road, NW

September 29 5:20 a.m.

A resident reported they received an alert on their front door ring camera. As he was going to the door, he observed someone try to turn the door knob. The individual left as the resident approached the door. The resident could not see anyone on the security camera and no damage was observed to his home or yard.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 24-010908

Panera Bread

136-B Maple Avenue, West

September 29 7:31 p.m.

An employee reported a man was acting disorderly in the restaurant and they wanted him trespassed from the premises. The man left the establishment before officers arrived but was located inside Mod Pizza, 168 Maple Avenue, West. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, they detected signs of intoxication.

PFC Rodriguez arrested the 52-year-old man from Fox Mill Road in Oakton, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public. The officer also advised the man that he was trespassed from Panera and would be charged if he returned to the restaurant.

Suspicious Event 24-010945

Vienna Adventist Academy

340 Courthouse Road, SW

September 26 10:00 a.m.

On September 30, the principal of the school reported an incident that occurred on September 26 when a student had a violent emotional breakdown in class that resulted in them striking multiple other students and faculty members before being separated from the class. During the incident, the student made an additional physical threat. The principal advised the student was permanently removed from the school, but she refused to provide any information to the officer regarding the student or his parents' identity for further investigation or follow-up to the threat that was made.

ABC Violation 24-010973

7-11

8616 Park Street

October 01 10:44 a.m.

PFC Mayar observed a subject consuming alcohol in the parking lot. The 57-year-old man from Patrick Street SE in Vienna, Virginia was issued a summons for drinking in public.

Arrest – Assault 24-010995

100 Block Patrick Street, SE

October 01 9:05 p.m.

Officers responded to an assault that occurred outside of the apartments at this location. The victim advised he was assaulted during an argument by a former roommate when he was there to pick up belongings.

A 28-year-old male from Patrick Street SE in Vienna was arrested and charged with assault.

Assault 24-011018

500 Block Heritage Lane, NW

October 02 10:30 p.m.

Officers responded to a report of assault. They located the caller who advised that she had been assaulted during an argument with her boyfriend's sister over a cell phone charger. She was advised of the warrant process should she decide to pursue charges.

Found Property 24-01040

Freeman Store

131 Block Church Street, NE

October 03 9:00 a.m.

An employee turned in a debit card that was found by a customer.

CASE UPDATES

None.

CRASHES

Maple Avenue and Nutley Street, NW 24-010785

September 26 2:58 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was turning left from Nutley Street, NW into the left eastbound lane on Maple Avenue with a green left turn signal. Vehicle-1 on Nutley Street, SW attempting to turn right onto eastbound Maple with a red traffic signal. Vehicle-1 entered the left eastbound lane and struck Vehicle-2.

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

Beulah Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, NE 24-010808

September 27 7:45 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Beulah Road. Vehicle-1 made a sudden right turn from Ayr Hill Avenue onto Beulah Road and collided with Vehicle-2.

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

Cottage Street and Plum Street, SW 24-010821

September 27 4:40 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was southbound on Cottage Street. Vehicle-1 westbound on Plum Street, proceeded into the intersection and struck Vehicle-2 causing minor damage to both vehicles.

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

300 Block East Street, SE 24-010904

September 29 11:13 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was parked northbound bound on East Street. Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on East Street, approaching Vehicle-1 from behind. Vehicle-1 pulled out into traffic and struck Vehicle-2 as it was passing.

100 Block Beulah Road, NE 24-10953

September 30 3:33 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Beulah Road, approaching Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 entered the roadway from the parking lot of 103 Beulah Road and collided with Vehicle-2.

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

Vienna Police Department to Participate in the DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative

Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In conjunction with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and state and local law enforcement agencies, the Vienna Police Department will again participate in a one-day initiative to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from area homes.

On October 26, 2024, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., the Vienna Police Department will have a collection site for old, expired, unused, or unwanted medications. Prescription medications, controlled or non-controlled substances, and over-the-counter drugs may be turned in anonymously at the collection point in front of the Vienna Police Department located at 215 Center Street, South, Vienna, Virginia 22180.

Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing it and disposing of it directly into the collection box. If an original container is used, the individual should consider removing any identifying information from the prescription label. Liquid products should remain sealed in their original container to prevent leakage.

DEA will collect vape pens or other e-cigarette devices from consumers only after the batteries are removed. It is important to stress that the DEA is not responsible for removing batteries from the devices.

Intravenous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted due to associated hazards (The only exemption is EpiPens).

Commercial businesses, pharmacies, or other medical facilities may not use this to discard expired medications or medical waste.

For DEA Authorized Collectors that provide year-round drop-off locations to the public to dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals, go to [Controlled Substance Public Disposal Locations](#).

**For further information, please contact:
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Public Service Announcement

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



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/>.

