



## VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

October 18, 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 October 11, 2024 to October 17, 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](mailto: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**

### **Grand Larceny 24-011271**

**100 Block Fardale Street, SE**

**Between October 10 9:30 p.m. and October 11 8:30 a.m.**

A resident reported that someone stole the catalytic converter from his vehicle last night while it was parked in front of his residence.

### **Grand Larceny 24-011379**

**100 Block Battle Street, SE**

**October 11 between 5:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.**

A resident reported that someone stole the catalytic converter from his vehicle last night while it was parked in front of his residence.

### **Fraud 24-011381**

**200 Block Cherry Street, SW**

**October 11 5:00 p.m.**

A resident came into the Vienna Police Station to report receiving a credit card in the mail that he did not apply for. At this time, the resident has not experienced any monetary loss and has contacted the issuing bank to close the account.

### **Destruction of Property 24-011283**

**Branch Road / Locust Street, SE**

**October 11 6:00 p.m.**

A resident reported that juveniles were vandalizing a shopping center fence and breaking glass. Officers arrived on scene but were unable to locate any juveniles.

### **Arrest - Driving While Intoxicated 24-011286**

**200 Block Cedar Lane, SE**

**October 11 8:48 p.m.**

A citizen reported a driver who struck three parked vehicles and left the scene. While speaking with the citizen, one of the officers on scene observed a vehicle matching the description of the striking vehicle, displaying extensive front-end and side damage, approaching their location. The vehicle nearly struck one of the officers while attempting to stop on foot.

Upon interacting with the driver, the officer detected signs of impairment. The man was subsequently placed under arrest.

Officer Vance transported the 39-year-old man from Barrett Street in Fairfax to the Vienna Police Station, where he provided two insufficient breath samples for analysis. He was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Refusal of Blood/Breath Test.

**Arrest - Driving While Intoxicated 24-011318**

**Beulah Road, NE / Church Street, NE**

**October 12 7:41 p.m.**

A citizen reported a vehicle parked on a sidewalk with the driver asleep at the wheel. Officers responded to the scene and found the vehicle with the engine running. They were able to wake the driver, turn off the vehicle, and remove the keys from the ignition for safety.

Upon interacting with the driver, the officers detected signs of impairment. The driver admitted to consuming alcoholic beverages one hour prior. He declined the preliminary breath test and refused to perform any field sobriety tests. The driver was subsequently placed under arrest.

Officer Vance transported the 53-year-old man from Pimmit Run Lane in Falls Church to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

**Petit Larceny 24-11328**

**Wawa**

**465 Maple Avenue, West**

**October 13 12:26 a.m.**

An employee reported a pack of cigarettes was stolen.

**Property Found 24-011342**

**101 Maple Avenue, East**

**October 13 1:28 p.m.**

A person came into the Vienna Police Station and turned in a found wallet.

**Assault 24-011347**

**200 Block Cedar Lane, SE**

**October 13 7:30 p.m.**

A resident requested police assistance to report an assault by a nearby family member. Officers responded to the scene and interviewed all parties involved. After assessing the situation, officers determined that there was not enough evidence to make an arrest. Both parties were advised on the process for requesting an arrest warrant from the magistrate's office.

**Arrest – Unlawful Entry and Drunk in Public 24-011353**

**400 Block Dove Circle, SW**

**October 13 10:44 p.m.**

A citizen reported seeing flashlights inside a vacant house next door. Officers responded to the scene and located an individual in the backyard of the property. Upon interaction, the officers detected signs of impairment. The intoxicated individual admitted to entering the house but denied breaking the lock. The person was placed under arrest.

Officer Vance transported the 38-year-old man from Plymouth Street in Blacksburg to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where he was charged with Unlawful Entry and Drunk in Public. The man was then remanded to the custody of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office.

**Suspicious Person 24-011397**

**400 Block Pine Street, SE**

**October 14 11:22 p.m.**

A building night janitor locked the front door of the business and called the police after noticing a homeless individual standing outside the unlocked entrance.

**CASE UPDATES**

None.

## **CRASHES**

### **Maple Avenue, East and Center Street, North 24-011273**

**October 11 10:26 a.m.**

Vehicle 2 had a green light and was crossing Maple Ave from Center St N to Center St S. Vehicle 1 was traveling north from Maple Ave W toward Maple Ave E. The driver of Vehicle 1 meant to turn right onto Center St S but decided to go straight instead, causing a T-bone collision. The driver of Vehicle 1 said she didn't see that her light was red. Luckily, neither driver was injured.

### **Courthouse Road, SW and Maple Avenue, West 24-011282**

**October 11 5:03 p.m.**

Vehicle 1 was traveling north in the left lane on Courthouse Road, SW, and decided to change lanes before the intersection with Maple Avenue, West. In doing so, it hit Vehicle 2, which was going straight in the right lane. Vehicle 1 used its blinker and assumed Vehicle 2 would let it change lanes.

### **Arrest -Cedar Lane, SE 24-011286 –Driving While Intoxicated & Refuse Breath/Blood Test**

**October 11 8:48 p.m.**

Vehicle 1, with one occupant, was traveling westbound in the parking lot when it side-swiped Vehicles 2, 3, and 4, which were parked and unoccupied. Vehicle 1 then left the scene before officers arrived. For additional information, see Case #24-011286 Narrative.

### **Maple Avenue, East / Branch Road, SE 24-011441**

**October 15 8:45 p.m.**

Vehicle 1 was in a left turn lane facing east on Maple Ave E, while Vehicle 2 was in the left lane traveling east. Vehicle 1 attempted to merge right into the left lane, sideswiping Vehicle 2. Vehicle 1 was deemed at fault. The driver of Vehicle 2 complained of head pain but refused medical attention, and no visible injuries were noted on either driver.

**Please contact MPO Juan Vazquez for further information on any of these cases at [Juan.vazquez@viennava.gov](mailto:Juan.vazquez@viennava.gov) or 703-255-7845.**

## **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**

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](http://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 SWAT<sup>1</sup> or DOX<sup>2</sup> 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 fansigning<sup>3</sup>. 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](http://www.ic3.gov)
- FBI Field Office [[www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices](http://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](http://www.cybertipline.org))

Reporting these crimes can help law enforcement identify malicious actors and prevent further victimization.

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<sup>1</sup>SWAT 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.

<sup>2</sup>DOX also referred to as DOXXING is the action of obtaining and publishing personally identifiable information (PII) on the internet, usually for malicious intent.

<sup>3</sup>Fansigning is writing or cutting specific numbers, letters, symbols, or names onto your body.



## 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/>.

