



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

October 25, 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 18, 2024 to October 24, 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

Suspicious Event 24-011557

500 Block Mashie Drive, SE

Between July 13 at 12:00 p.m. and October 3 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported ongoing issues of harassment that she believes are being caused by her ex-boyfriend.

Vehicle Tampering 24-011271

100 Block Fardale Street, SE

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

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

Violation of a Protective Order 24-011436

300 Block Nutley Street, SW

October 14 3:10 p.m.

On October 15, a resident reported a juvenile sent emails to her daughter on October 14th in violation of their protective order against her. PFC Mayar has obtained a petition for the juvenile for the violation.

Suspicious Event 24-011653

100 Block Ayr Hill Avenue, NW

Between October 16 at 9:00 a.m. and October 19 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported two of his political signs were taken from his property, and then later returned. He also found that two of his signs were struck with a hunting bow. (*Reference Incident #24-011533*).

Domestic Assault 24-011486

Courthouse Circle, SW

October 16 9:48 p.m.

A resident reported a verbal dispute with her father escalated when he assaulted her. There were no signs of assault and the resident was advised of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges.

Suicide Attempt 24-011497

Cedar Lane School

101 Cedar Lane, SW

October 17 between 2:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Officers responded with rescue personnel for an adult student who had attempted a drug overdose overnight and had cut herself. Rescue personnel transported the student to an area hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

Civil Case 24-011500
Hope Advanced Veterinary Center
140 Park Street, SE
October 17 10:00 a.m.

An officer responded to the report of a dispute between the staff and a customer. At the request of the staff, the customer was trespassed from the premises.

Animal Case – Quarantine 24-011505
Hope Advanced Veterinary Center
140 Park Street, SE
October 17 11:00 a.m.

An officer responded to the Veterinary Center to speak to a resident who brought her dog there for treatment after it was attacked by two other dogs. The resident reported she was walking her dog on the W&OD Bike Trail when two dogs ran from a yard in the 900 Block of Shady Drive, SE and the attack occurred. The officer was unable to locate the attacking dogs. ACO Barker will follow up on this case.

Vandalism 24-011533
100 Block Wilmar Place, NW
October 18 between 2:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m.

A resident reported someone shot a hunting bow at her vehicle while it was parked in front of her house vandalizing the tire. (*Reference Incident #24-11653*)

Domestic Dispute 24-011556
Charles Street, SE
October 18 2:17 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of a dispute between a resident and her husband. The husband agreed to leave the home for the night to prevent further argument.

Arrest – Petit Larceny 24-011602
Chipotle
213 Maple Avenue, East
October 19 5:20 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a bicycle stolen from Chipotle. They located a man with the bike in the area. Upon their interaction with the man, they found he also possessed bags of detergent. It was determined that the detergent had been stolen from Giant Food at 359 Maple Avenue, East. The bike owner did not wish to pursue charges. However, an employee at Giant agreed to prosecute for the theft.

Ofc. Ludwick issued a summons charging Petit Larceny to the 26-year-old man from Glengyle Drive in Vienna and released him on his signature.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 24-011616

100 Block Maple Avenue, West

October 20 2:01 a.m.

An officer observed a vehicle speeding on Maple Avenue and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, they detected signs of impairment. The man refused to perform any field sobriety.

PFC Fitchue arrested the 34-year-old man with no fixed address. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he provided a sample of his breath for analysis and was charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

Police Service 24-0116222

400 Block Adahi Road, SE

October 20 1:53 p.m.

A resident turned in airsoft guns for destruction.

Police Service 24-011625

400 Block Holloway Court, NE

October 20 5:14 p.m.

A resident turned in ammunition for destruction.

Suspicious Event 24-011659

Pure Pasty

128 Church Street, NW

October 21 5:30 p.m.

A resident found a set of keys in the lock of Pure Pasty. Officers searched the business and found nothing appeared suspicious. An employee responded to retrieve the keys.

Juvenile Case 24-011693

100 Block Kingsley Road, SE

October 22 6:50 p.m.

A resident reported a juvenile who was reported as a runaway from Fairfax County was at her home. An officer notified Fairfax County Police that the juvenile was safely located and the juvenile's mother responded to take her daughter home.

Domestic Dispute 24-011695

Fairway Drive, NE

October 22 8:00 p.m.

Officers responded to a dispute between a resident and his wife.

Domestic Dispute 24-011696

Westbriar Drive, NE

October 22 8:26 p.m.

A resident reported an unknown woman came to her door asking for help. The woman advised officers that she lives in the area with her boyfriend and that she left the residence to get away from him after they argued. Rescue personnel responded to assess the woman who stated she was not feeling well. Once she was cleared by rescue personnel, officers escorted the woman to her home where she retrieved some of her personal belongings and left the area.

Domestic Dispute 24-011725

Ross Drive, SW

October 23 9:31 p.m.

A resident reported a dispute he was having with his girlfriend. The girlfriend left the residence after speaking to officers.

Suspicious Event 24-011726

Whole Foods

143 Maple Avenue, East

October 23 9:34 p.m.

A citizen reported she has a permanent protective order against her ex-husband. As she was leaving Whole Foods, she saw him entering the grocery store to shop. Her ex-husband did not attempt to interact with her. However, the citizen believed this was a violation of the protective order. An officer explained to her the warrant process if she wanted to pursue charges.

CASE UPDATES

Burglary 24-009222

200 Block Glen Avenue, SW

August 13 12:15 p.m.

A resident was in the upper level of his residence when he heard a noise coming from the downstairs living room. When he checked on the noise, he found an unknown man in his home. He ushered the man out the front door and followed him a short distance before calling the police. Officers searched the area but did not locate the man. This case is an active investigation.

UPDATE

On October 15, after an extensive investigation, Detective Hylinski obtained a warrant for the suspect in this case. On October 24, after being previously arrested in Maryland, the 68-year-old man from Westerdale Drive in Upper Marlboro, Maryland was extradited to Virginia and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where the warrant charging Burglary was served on him.

CRASHES

410 Maple Avenue, East 24-011496

October 16 2:42 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in the parking lot. Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2 and the driver fled the scene without stopping to provide their information.

200 Block Maple Avenue, East 24-011504

October 17 11:31 a.m.

Two vehicles were traveling on Maple Avenue in the same lane. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2, causing minor damage.

200 Block Maple Avenue, East 24-011515

October 17 5:40 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound on Maple Avenue in the right lane. Vehicle-2 stopped for a red traffic light. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

1400 Block Cottage Street, SW 24-011517

October 17 6:32 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on the roadway. Vehicle-1 was backing out of a driveway and ran into Vehicle-2.

500 Block Orchard Street, NW 24-11531

October 18 7:49 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was eastbound on Orchard Street. Vehicle-1 was backing out of a driveway and struck Vehicle-2.

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

300 Block Cherry Street, SE 24-011589

October 19 11:10 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Cherry Street. Vehicle-2 was parked on the shoulder of the road with the rear passenger door open. Vehicle-1 attempted to maneuver through but sideswiped Vehicle-2 causing minor damage to both vehicles.

Maple Avenue and Lawyers Road, NW 24-011646

October 21 7:23

Vehicle-1 was turning left from eastbound Maple Avenue onto Lawyers Road. Vehicle-2 was westbound on Maple Avenue when the two vehicles collided. Both drivers believed they had a green traffic light. Driver-1 was transported to an area hospital by rescue personnel with a non-life-threatening injury.

143 Maple Avenue, East 24-011647

October 21 10:49 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was on Park Street entering the parking lot of 143 Maple Avenue, East. Vehicle-1 was exiting the parking lot onto Park Street when they sideswiped Vehicle-2 causing minor damage.

400 Block Beulah Road, NE 24-011689

October 22 2:45 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was northbound on Beulah Road traveling at a high rate of speed when they encountered traffic and swerved to avoid a collision. Vehicle-1 struck a pedestrian crossing sign and two telephone polls. Driver-1 was transported to an area medical facility by rescue personnel with non-life-threatening injuries.

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

600 Block Meadow Lane, SW 24-011734

October 24 8:56 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on the roadway. Vehicle-1 sideswiped Vehicle-2 causing minor damage to both vehicles.

Cottage Street and Plum Street, SW 24-011736

October 24 9:28 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was southbound on Cottage Street, turning left onto Plum Street. Pedestrian-1 was riding a scooter northbound on the sidewalk of Cottage Street, entering the crosswalk at Plum Street when Vehicle-1 struck them. Pedestrian-1 was transported by rescue personnel to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

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

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/>.

