



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

November 8, 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 November 1, 2024 to November 7, 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

INCIDENTS

Grand Larceny 24-012207 and 24-012214

100 Block Patrick Street, SE

September 11 at 12:00 p.m. and October 31 at 12:00 p.m.

On November 6, a resident reported two incidents where packages were stolen from his porch. The first incident occurred on September 11 when a cell phone was stolen. The second incident occurred on October 31 when a gaming system was stolen.

Petit Larceny 24-012019

1200 Drake Street, SW

September 26 5:14 p.m.

On November 1st, a resident reported that she had been waiting for her employer to send a cell phone to her address. She found the delivery had been made on September 26th and someone stole the package from her front porch.

Fraud 24-012023

300 Block Tapawingo Road, SE

Between October 29 at 12:00 p.m. and October 31 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported fraudulent activity when someone stole checks he mailed out, altered and forged them, and then attempted to cash them.

Lost Property 24-012014

100 Block Patrick Street, SE

Between October 29 at 4:00 p.m. and October 31 at 7:00 p.m.

A resident reported that she lost her wallet.

Domestic Assault 24-012032

Ross Drive, SW

October 31 5:00 p.m.

On November 1st, a resident reported an incident that occurred the previous evening when an argument he had with his ex-wife escalated and she slapped him.

The resident was advised of the warrant process should he wish to pursue charges.

Suspicious Event 24-012164

100 Block Melody Lane, SW

Between November 1 at 12:00 p.m. and November 5 at 2:00 p.m.

A resident reported someone replaced her political sign with a sign from another political party.

Threats 24-012029

Carnegie Diner and Café

501 Maple Avenue, West

November 1 2:44 p.m.

An employee reported that another employee came into the restaurant to pick up his last paycheck and threatened him when he left the establishment.

Petit Larceny 24-012035

200 Courthouse Circle, SW

November 1 between 4:00 pm. and 4:30 p.m.

A resident reported U.S. currency missing from her purse.

Animal Case – Quarantine 24-012116

500 Block Beulah Road, NE

November 1 9:00 p.m.

On November 4, a citizen reported an incident from November 1st, when she found two dogs running in the street. While attempting to get the dogs out of the roadway, one of them bit her hand. The dogs' owners came from their home on Beulah and retrieved the animals. ACO Barker notified the owner of the 10-day quarantine.

Petit Larceny 24-012180

100 Block Casmar Street, SE

Between November 2 at 10:00 a.m. and November 3 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that money orders were missing from her mailbox.

Suspicious Event 24-012083

500 Block Ayr Hill Avenue, NE

November 2 2:00 p.m.

A resident reported suspicious texts his juvenile daughter received.

Found Property 24-012065

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department

400 Center Street, South

November 2 3:00 p.m.

A credit card was left by a citizen at a VVFD craft fair.

Vandalism 24-012118

300 Block Valeview Court, NW

Between November 2 at 9:00 p.m. and November 3 at 7:00 a.m.

A resident reported vandalism to her mailbox.

Counterfeiting 24-012097

7-11

537 Maple Avenue, West

November 3 3:02 p.m.

An employee reported that a juvenile entered the store and attempted to make a purchase using two counterfeit bills. The juvenile fled the store when the employee said he would call the police. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate the boy.

Police Service 24-012122

Vienna Police Station

215 Center Street, South

November 4 11:39 a.m.

A citizen turned in ammunition for destruction.

Fraud 24-012217

Integrant, Inc.

226 Maple Avenue, West

Between November 5 at 8:32 a.m. and November 6 at 10:45 a.m.

An employee reported his work email was hacked and the individual was attempting to get a client to wire money. Neither the client nor the company suffered any financial loss.

Domestic Dispute 24-012161

Charles Street, SE

November 5 1:13 p.m.

Officers responded to a dispute between a resident and her estranged husband. The resident later obtained a protective order against her husband.

Suspicious Event 24-012179

200 Block Berry Street, SE

November 5 9:51 p.m.

A resident received multiple harassing messages via Facebook Messenger from an unknown individual.

Petit Larceny 24-012200

VA ABC Store

419 Maple Avenue, East

November 6 12:20 p.m.

An employee reported a man concealed a bottle of alcohol and left the store without paying for it.

Found Property 24-012211
400 Block Center Street, North
November 6 3:07 p.m.

A resident turned in a driver's license they found on the W&OD Bike Trail.

Suspicious Event 24-012216
300 Block Lewis Street, NW
November 6 6:48 p.m.

A resident reported a concerning post someone made to her Facebook page.

CASE UPDATES

None.

CRASHES

215 Center Street, South 24-012017
November 1 11:30 a.m.

Vehicle-2 (a police motorcycle) was driving in the police station's parking lot when Vehicle-1 backed out of a parking space and struck Vehicle-2. Driver-2 received medical attention for a minor injury.

Cottage Street and Plum Street, SW 24-012056
November 2 11:45 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Cottage Street. Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Plum Street, disregarded the stop sign, and struck Vehicle-2.

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

400 Block East Street, SE 24-012066
November 2 4:20 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked facing southbound on East Street, SE. Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2 and fled the scene without stopping to provide their information.

Maple Avenue and Nutley Street, SW 24-012064
November 2 5:25 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was in the center lane of westbound Maple Avenue at Nutley Street. Vehicle-2 was in the left westbound lane. As the traffic light turned green, Vehicle-1 made a sharp left turn and collided with Vehicle-2.

300 Block Maple Avenue, East 24-012070

November 2 7:46 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was eastbound on Maple Avenue and stopped at the intersection with Branch Road. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

Maple Avenue and East Street, NE 24-012121

November 4 11:10 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was on Maple Avenue attempting to turn left onto East Street. Vehicle-1 edged into the intersection, decided they wanted to turn right instead, and backed up in the turn lane, striking Vehicle-2.

Tapawingo Road and Ware Street, SW 24-012170

November 5 6:30 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Ware Street. Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Tapawingo Road. Failure to yield properly at Ware Street caused Vehicle-1 to strike Vehicle-2, causing minor damage to both vehicles.

543 Beulah Road, NE 24-012206

November 6 1:06 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Beulah Road, using their turn signal to indicate a right turn onto John Marshall Drive, NE. Vehicle-1 was attempting to turn right out of a parking lot. They believed Vehicle-2's signal indicated they were turning into the parking lot and proceeded onto the roadway colliding with Vehicle-2.

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

Adahi Road and Glyndon Street, SE 24-012229

November 6 10:00 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was parked southbound on Glyndon Street at Adahi Road, SE. Vehicle-1 traveled southbound on Glyndon Street, struck Vehicle-2, and fled the scene without providing their information.

Please contact Ruth Rohr for further information on any of these cases at Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov or 703-255-6324.

CITIZEN NOTES



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“Mayor and Chief at Your Service” Addresses Online Safety Concerns

Online safety will be at the top of the agenda in the next “Mayor and Chief at Your Service” forum on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. at the Vienna Police Department Community Room. This session will be the fourth and final quarterly event of its kind this year.

At the public forum on Tuesday, Mayor Linda Colbert and Police Chief Jim Morris will lead a discussion on a growing threat across the Internet: the targeting of young people by online predators and scams.

The Vienna Police Department’s Public Information Officer, Juan Vazquez, will be on hand to share the dangers of certain social media apps and how predators use them to target and scam children and teenagers. He’ll also discuss ways that parents can get involved in protecting their children. After the presentation, Mayor Colbert and Chief Morris will be available to discuss other topics and take questions from the community.

The Vienna Police Department is located at 215 Center St. S., Vienna. Limited parking is available at the police department. Attendees may also park across the street in the Vienna Community Center or at Vienna Elementary School.

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The Vienna Police Department is proud to once again participate with the Fairfax County Police and other local police agencies in the Santa's Ride, bringing gifts to children in local hospitals this holiday season. Please contact Ruth Rohr if you have any questions at 703-255-6324.

Please drop off your new unwrapped toys and books at the Vienna Police Station – 215 Center St., S, the Vienna Town Hall – 127 Center St., S (Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.), or the Vienna Community Center – 120 Cherry St., SE. **Please make your donation before 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 8.**

****If you would prefer not to drop your donations off in person, you can do your online shopping and have your donation shipped directly to the Vienna Police Station.****

Santa's Ride 2024

Presented by the
Fairfax County Police Department Motor Squad with the support of:

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Virginia State Police
Fairfax City Police Department
Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority Police
Herndon Police Department

Donate NEW unwrapped toys, games, books, and gifts to be distributed to children at Fairfax Inova Children's Hospital, Inova Life with Cancer, and to other children in the community who might not otherwise have a cheerful holiday season!

Don't have a toy with you today?
Follow the QR code to donate:

Please bring your items to any Fairfax County Police Station, the lobby of Pennino and Herry Office Buildings, or the Fairfax County Government Center no later than Monday, December 9th at 9AM.

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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/>.

