

# **VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS**

October 20, 2023

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 13, 2023 to October 19, 2023. 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 Ruth Rohr for further information at <u>Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov</u>)

On July 1, 2021, citizens will be able to access Community Policing data via <u>https://data.virginia.gov/stories/s/rden-cz3h</u>. 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.

## Mayor and Chief at Your Service – Holiday Safety

You may love the holiday season for its spirit of giving, merriment, and the quest to purchase the perfect gifts for loved ones. Do you know who else loves the holidays? Scammers and thieves looking for opportunities to target you and your home. From online shopping to in-store buying to those perfectly wrapped presents under the tree, the winter holidays ring in crime time during what's supposed to be the season of goodwill.

Find out how you can avoid becoming a victim at the next Mayor & Chief at Your Service forum on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 7 p.m. at the Vienna Police Department Community Room. Mayor Linda Colbert and Police Chief Jim Morris will provide tips on how you and your family can stay safe this holiday season. The Mayor and Chief will also be available to answer questions about any matter in Vienna. Refreshments will be served. The Vienna Police Department is located at 215 Center St. S., Vienna.

## **INCIDENTS**

Suspicious Person 23-009599
1300 Cottage Street, SW
Between December 22 at 8:06 a.m. and September 13 at 1:14 p.m.
A resident reported ongoing issues and unwanted communication from a former employee.

Illegal Dumping 23-009507 541 Church Street, NE October 10 11:00 a.m. An employee observed a landscaping crew dumping leaves, branches, and a slab of concrete in the parking lot near the creek. When he confronted the crew, they left the area.

Fraud 23-9557 Wag N' Wash 144 Maple Avenue, West Between October 10 at 5:00 p.m. and October 11 at 5:00 p.m. An employee reported someone paid for services using counterfeit money.

Animal Case – Quarantine 23-009685 100 Block Yeonas Drive, SE October 12 12:00 p.m.

On October 16, the Health Department reported a cat bit its owner. The cat also bit one of the vet technicians at the Oakton Vienna Animal Hospital. The cat's owner was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

Domestic Dispute 23-009519 Marshall Road Elementary School 730 Marshall Road, SW October 12 4:00 p.m.

A juvenile called the police from school because she did not want to go home with her father as mandated by a custody agreement. After an officer spoke to the juvenile and both of her parents, the juvenile agreed to go home with her father.

Petit Larceny 23-009521 Social Burger 350 Maple Avenue, West October 12 4:58 p.m.

An employee reported a woman entered the restaurant, stole the cash from the tip jar, and then fled in an unknown direction.

#### Animal Case – Quarantine 23-009651 200 Block Yeonas Drive, SW October 13 12:00 p.m.

On October 16, the Health Department reported a citizen was bitten on the hand by a resident's dog as she was walking by their house. The owner of the dog was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

Destruction of Property 23-009589 500 Block Ridge Road, SW Between October 13 at 12:00 p.m. and October 14 at 9:00 a.m.

A property owner reported someone damaged a door and entered his vacant home. Nothing appeared to have been stolen.

Civil Dispute 23-009566 300 Block Jade Court, NW October 13 2:24 p.m. Officers responded to a dispute between residents over violations of the restricted parking ordinance.

Fraud 23-009568 600 Block Spring Street, SE October 13 4:16 p.m. A resident reported her Facebook account was hacked and the hackers began posting Cryptocurrency advertisements.

Found Property 23-009570 Nutley Street and Virginia Center Boulevard, SW October 13 6:30 p.m. A citizen turned in a found wallet.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 23-009583 700 Block Tapawingo Road, SW October 14 12:45 a.m.

An off-duty officer from another police jurisdiction observed a vehicle driven erratically and notified the Vienna Police Department. Upon PFC Stroh's interaction with the driver, he detected signs of impairment. After refusing to perform any sobriety tests, the driver was arrested.

PFC Stroh transported the 57-year-old man from Monticello Drive in Falls Church, Virginia to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Refusing to submit a breath sample.

#### Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 23-009585 Courthouse Road and Moorefield Road, SW October 14 2:10 a.m.

An officer observed a vehicle driving erratically on a flat tire and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, he detected signs of impairment. The driver failed a series of field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest.

Sgt. Sheeran transported the 19-year-old man from Fairfax Boulevard in Fairfax, Virginia to the Vienna Police Station where he provided a sample of his breath for analysis. The man was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

#### Unlawful Entry 23-009608 800 Block Glyndon Street, SE October 14 4:49 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of three teenagers at an abandoned house. The officer confronted the juveniles as they were leaving the residence. Inside the house, the officer found one of the juvenile's backpacks, alcohol, an empty spray paint can, and fresh spray paint on the walls. The juveniles' parents were notified and responded to pick them up. Petitions are pending in this case.

#### Emotionally Disturbed Person 23-009632 Glyndon Street, SE October 16 12:20 a.m.

A suicide hotline requested a welfare check after receiving a call from a resident. An officer spoke to the resident and his family members. The resident was offered assistance from rescue personnel but refused. The resident and family agreed to follow up with his doctor.

Trespassing 23-009649 Patrick Henry Library 101 Maple Avenue, East October 16 1:04 p.m.

An employee requested assistance in trespassing a woman from the premises. The woman was served with a trespass notice and advised she would be charged if she returned to the library.

## Missing Juvenile – Runaway and Domestic Assault 23-009655 and 23-009682 Fairway Drive, NE

#### October 16 3:20 p.m.

A resident reported her son assaulted her while she was attempting to take away a PlayStation game. The juvenile then left the home. The juvenile was immediately entered into the national database as a missing juvenile and lookouts were sent to local police jurisdictions.

On October 17, the juvenile was located by a Fairfax County Police officer in Lorton, Virginia. He was transported to the West Springfield station where his mother responded to pick him up. Charges for the domestic assault are pending.

#### Arrest – Alcohol Violation 23-009658 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE October 16 6:59 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a man and woman drinking alcohol and blocking the entrance to the shopping center parking lot.

PFC Mayar issued a summons to the 47-year-old woman from Cedar Lane, SE in Vienna and the 53-year-old man with no fixed address, charging Drinking In Public. The couple agreed to leave the area.

## Animal Case – Quarantine 23-009671 Vienna Animal Hospital 531 Maple Avenue, West October 17 9:00 a.m.

An employee requested ACO Barker transport a cat to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter for rabies testing. The employee reported the cat had bitten its owner before she brought it to the vet to be euthanized.

On October 18, the Health Department advised the rabies test was negative on the cat.

juvenile resident and transport them to a mental care facility in Staunton, Virginia.

#### Vandalism 23-009708

260 Cedar Lane, SE

#### Between October 17 at 1:00 p.m. and October 18 at 9:00 a.m.

An employee from the shopping center's property management company reported graffiti was spray painted on the brick wall behind the shopping center.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 23-009705 Fairway Drive, NE October 18 7:25 a.m. Officers responded to INOVA Fairfax Hospital to serve a Temporary Detention Order on a

#### Animal Case – Quarantine 23-009775 300 Block Courthouse Road, SW October 19 5:52 p.m.

A resident was walking her dog on Courthouse Road when another dog escaped its home on Locust Street and bit her dog. The dog's owner immediately came from his house to grab his dog and stop the attack. The owner was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

## **CASE UPDATES**

None

## **CRASHES**

#### Windover Avenue and Knoll Street, NW 23-009517 October 12 3:20 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was stopped on Knoll Street at the intersection of Windover Avenue. Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound on Windover when the two vehicles collided.

#### Maple Avenue and Glyndon Street, NE 23-009565 October 13 2:20 p.m.

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

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

#### 600 Block Wolftrap Road, SE 23-009656 October 16 11:00 a.m.

Driver-1 was parking her vehicle in her garage at her home when she accelerated into the garage wall, causing substantial damage. Driver-1 was transported to an area medical facility by a relative to treat minor injuries. Fire and Rescue personnel responded to inspect the residence for structural damage.

#### Center Street, North and Maple Avenue, East 23-009648 October 16 12:45 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was in the left turn lane of southbound Center Street at Maple Avenue. Vehicle-2 was behind Vehicle-1. Vehicle-1 began to back up to change lanes and struck Vehicle-2 causing minor damage to both vehicles.

#### Park Street and Tapawingo Road, SE 23-009731 October 18 6:06 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was southbound on Park Street. Vehicle-1 was northbound on Park Street, turning left onto Tapawingo Road when the two vehicles collided.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Yield Right of Way.

## 100 Block Maple Avenue, West 23-009734

#### October 18 7:04 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound in the right lane of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

## 426 Maple Avenue, East 23-009737

#### October 18 8:45 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in the parking lot when it was struck by Vehicle-1. Driver-1 left the scene without providing their information.

Please contact Ruth Rohr for further information on any of these cases at <u>Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov</u> 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 28, 2023, 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 28, 2023, 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 inside the Vienna Police Department temporary facility 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 <u>Controlled Substance Public Disposal Locations</u>.

For further information, please contact: MPO Juan Vazquez - Town of Vienna Police Department Juan.vazquez@viennava.gov or 703-255-7845 As we see a rise in these cases across the area and the country, we would like to share this important FBI Public Service Announcement and make the community aware.

**Vienna Police Department** 



Alert Number

I-091223-PSA

Questions regarding this PSA should be directed to your local FBI Field Office.

Local Field Office Locations: <a href="http://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices">www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices</a>

#### 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 <u>https://takeitdown.ncmec.org</u>.

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 <u>www.ic3.gov</u>
- 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 <u>www.cybertipline.org</u>)

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

<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.

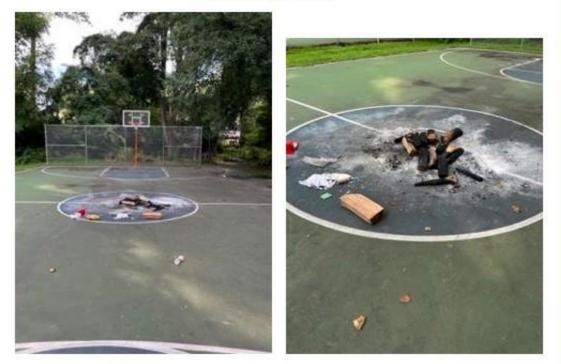


# Vienna Police Department INFORMATION BULLETIN

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# **DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY**

On Friday, July 28, 2023, around 10:00 pm, two high school or early college age, white males built a "camp fire" on the Glyndon Park basketball court. The fire caused significant damage to the court surface.



If you have any information regarding this fire, please contact Det. Patrick Crandall, patrick.crandall@viennava.gov or Det. Bradley Reedy, bradley.reedy@viennava.gov (703) 386-4008, reference case number 2023-7214

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#### 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 <u>https://www.emergencyprofile.org/</u>.

