

# VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

October 27, 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 20, 2023 to October 26, 2023. Readers are reminded an "arrest" is based upon

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(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 Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov)

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

Larceny 23-009791 Herat Oriental Rugs 132 Maple Avenue, East

October 19 between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

An employee reported a stool was stolen from the store.

### Involuntary Temporary Detention Order 23-009798 Lawyers Road, NW Between October 19 at 8:00 p.m. and October 20 at 4:56 p.m.

Officers checked on the welfare of a resident who was sending concerning texts to multiple friends and her doctors. The resident declined the services the officers offered but continued to make concerning remarks.

Ofc. Fitchue took the resident into custody on an Emergency Custody Order. She was transported to an area hospital where a Temporary Detention Order was served on her.

Animal Case – Quarantine 23-009790 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE October 20 9:48 a.m.

A resident reported she had been bitten by her dog and wanted to surrender the animal to the animal shelter with the help of an acquaintance at a later time. The resident was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

On October 25, the dog's owner requested ACO Barker assist her in transporting the dog to the shelter. The Fairfax County Animal Shelter was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

Arrest – Alcohol Violation 23-009801 Water's Field 130 Cherry Street, SE October 20 9:16 p.m.

Concerned parents reported intoxicated men at the football field. Officers located two men and, upon their interaction with them, detected an odor of alcoholic beverage. The officers confirmed the men had been drinking at the field.

PFC Mayar issued summons to the 23-year-old man from Bridleridge Court in Vienna and to the 22-year-old man from Highland Street, NW in Vienna charging Drinking In Public. Both men were released on their signatures.

# Emotionally Disturbed Person 23-009804 600 Block Park Street, SE

October 21 1:06 a.m.

A resident called a Suicide Hotline and advised them he was hurting himself. Officers located the man in the 600 block of Park Street, SE suffering from minor injuries to his arm. Rescue personnel responded and transported the man to an area hospital for treatment.

Lost Property 23-009815
400 Block East Street, NE
October 21 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:34 p.m.
A resident reported he lost his credit card.

Trespassing 23-009833 800 Block Glyndon Street, SE October 22 9:47 a.m.

An officer responded to the report of a man removing flagstone from the backyard of a vacant house. The man left the residence before the officer arrived but was identified by officers. The victim requested the man be trespassed from the property but allowed him to keep the stone. The officer spoke to the man and advised him he would be charged with trespassing if he returned to the property

Trespassing 23-009851 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE October 23 11:29 a.m.

The manager reported ongoing problems with a man who loiters around the businesses at the shopping center, drinking alcohol, urinating, and defecating in public behind the building. The manager trespassed the man from the premises and he was advised he would be arrested if he returned.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 23-009875 Cedar Lane School 101 Cedar Lane, SW October 24 8:23 a.m.

Officers responded to the report of a student who attempted to leave the school and was acting agitated and aggressive. Ofc. Ebrahimi transported the student to an area medical facility for evaluation. The student was later released to the custody of a relative.

### **Assault 23-009897**

### 100 Block Patrick Street, SE

### October 24 3:37 P.M.

A juvenile resident reported being assaulted while riding home on the school bus from Madison High School. She advised when she jokingly bit another student, the other student bit her back, causing a bruise. The Juvenile's parent was advised of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges.

### Arrest – Drunk in Public 23-009897

Wawa

465 Maple Avenue, West

October 24 6:10 p.m.

An employee reported a man was urinating in public in front of the store. Upon the officers' interaction with the man, they detected signs of intoxication. The man was trespassed from the premises by the management.

Ofc. Stroh arrested the 44-year-old man from Cedar Lane, SE in Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Drunk In Public.

### Fraud 23-009916

2400 Block Oak Vale Court, NW

October 25 10:30 a.m.

A resident received a phone call from someone claiming to be a relative stating they were in court and needed money for their fine to avoid going to jail. A person claiming to be the relative's attorney directed the resident to give the money to a bondsman who would come to pick it up. The resident withdrew the money from his bank and gave it to a man who came to his home a short time later. The resident realized it was a scam when he spoke to the relative.

### Residential Alarm 23-009908 200 Block Yeonas Drive, SW October 25 12:22 p.m.

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Officers responding to a residential alarm found an unsecured door. The officers searched the residence, found nothing suspicious, and secured the home.

### Arrest – Drunk In Public 23-009926 500 Block Maple Avenue, West October 25 11:58 p.m.

An officer observed a man stumbling across Maple Avenue from the 7-11 to the McDonald's. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, he detected signs of intoxication.

Ofc. Mayar arrested the 25-year-old man from Chain Bridge Road in Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Drunk In Public.

### **CASE UPDATES**

None

### **CRASHES**

Park Street and Moore Avenue, SE 23-009810 October 21 10:19 a.m.

Two vehicles were traveling southbound on Park Street. Vehicle-2 was proceeding through the intersection with Moore Avenue when they abruptly stopped, causing Vehicle-1 to run into the rear of Vehicle-2.

Driver-2 failed to provide proof of insurance and was issued a summons charging Driving Without Insurance.

### 700 Block Nutley Street, SW 23-009812 October 21 11:33 a.m.

Two vehicles were traveling northbound in the right lane on Nutley Street, SW when a dog ran across the roadway in front of them. Vehicle-2 stopped abruptly, causing Vehicle-1 to strike the rear of their vehicle. The dog continued westbound across Nutley Street, where it was struck by an unknown vehicle. A citizen transported the dog to an animal hospital for treatment.

### 359 Maple Avenue, East 23-009919 October 25 5:40 p.m.

Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2 in the parking lot. Vehicle-1 fled the scene without stopping.

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 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



# Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

### **Vienna Police Department Welcomes New Police Officer**



(Pictured from Left to Right are Deputy Chief Daniel Janickey, Officer Jedidiah Temple, Captain Arturo Sylmar and Academy Instructor MPO Michael Finelli)

Officer Jedidiah Temple officially completed his training at the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy on October 19, 2023. This significant achievement marked the conclusion of an intensive six-month program designed to equip newly recruited police officers with a comprehensive understanding of law enforcement practices.

This non-residential training program encompassed an extensive 920+ hours of instruction, covering a diverse curriculum that included 320 hours of academic studies, 94 hours of firearms training, 84 hours of emergency vehicle operation, 110 hours of physical training, and 130 hours of defensive tactics instruction.

The Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy isn't exclusive to new recruits like Officer Temple; it serves as a training ground for both novice and experienced officers hailing from various law enforcement agencies, such as Vienna, Herndon, Fairfax County Police, Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, and the Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office.

Becoming a police officer and gaining admission to the Academy is no easy feat. Candidates must endure a rigorous application process, which includes a comprehensive background check, a thorough medical examination, a polygraph test, and a series of interviews. It's worth noting that only a mere 2% of applicants successfully navigate this process and earn the privilege of attending the basic recruit class.

In the next phase of his law enforcement journey, Officer Jedidiah Temple will be mentored by a Field Training Instructor (FTI) over the course of twelve weeks. During this period, the FTI will closely observe and guide Officer Temple's performance in various areas, such as officer safety, traffic enforcement, interactions with the community, report writing, criminal investigations, handling vehicular accidents, and numerous other aspects integral to the responsibilities of a law enforcement officer.

For Further Information please contact
MPO Juan Vazquez- Town of Vienna Police Public Information Officer
at <u>juan.vazquez@viennava.gov</u> 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** 



**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

### 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 <a href="https://takeitdown.ncmec.org">https://takeitdown.ncmec.org</a>.

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 <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>2</sup>Fansigning is writing or cutting specific numbers, letters, symbols, or names onto your body.



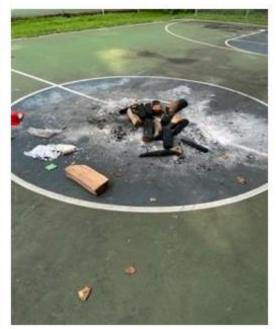
# Vienna Police Department INFORMATION BULLETIN

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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, <a href="mailto:patrick.crandall@viennava.gov">patrick.crandall@viennava.gov</a> or Det. Bradley Reedy, <a href="mailto:bradley.reedy@viennava.gov">bradley.reedy@viennava.gov</a> (703) 386-4008, reference case number 2023-7214

Detective B. Reedy, #119 215 Center Street South, Vienna VA 22180 Bradley.Reedy@Viennava.gov (703) 386-4008

August 22, 2023



### **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 <a href="https://www.emergencyprofile.org/">https://www.emergencyprofile.org/</a>.

