

VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

November 22, 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 November 17, 2023 to November 21, 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 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

Petit Larceny 23-010728

900 Block Country Club Drive, NE

November 13 12:53 p.m.

On November 18, a resident reported that on November 13, someone stole the mail from his mailbox.

Petit Larceny 23-010695

200 Block Locust Street, SE

Between November 14 at 12:01 a.m. and November 17 at 4:45 p.m.

A resident reported a license plate was stolen from his motorcycle.

Petit Larceny 23-010707

900 Block Fairway Drive, NE

November 15 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

A resident reported mail containing checks she was sending was stolen from the mailbox in front of her house.

Domestic Dispute 23-010638

Locust Street, SE

November 15 11:47 p.m.

A resident fled from her home when her adult son came home and began destroying property. The resident also reported her cell phone was stolen. The son came to the police station a short time later requesting assistance in removing his property from the home. An officer escorted the man to the residence where he was permitted to gather his belongings.

The officer offered to take the resident to the magistrate's office to attempt to obtain a warrant and protective order, but she refused. The resident was advised of the process should she wish to pursue charges.

Petit Larceny 23-010694

600 Block Manor Drive, NE

November 15 12:10 p.m.

On November 17, a resident reported a package containing baby clothes was stolen from his mailbox.

Found Property 23-010810 Marshall Road Elementary School 730 Marshall Road, SW

Between November 16 11:10 a.m.

A staff member at the school found a wallet in the parking lot.

Petit Larceny 23-010654 300 Block Knoll Street, NW

November 16 12:00 p.m.

A resident observed an unknown person going through her mailbox. The person then rummaged through her neighbor's mailbox.

Suspicious Event 23-010724 2400 Block Oak Vale Court, NW

Between November 17 at 2:30 a.m. and November 18 at 9:00 a.m.

A resident reported damage to his back porch screen. The officer was unable to determine if the damage was possibly caused by an animal and not someone attempting to gain entry to the home.

Animal Case 23-010690 900 Block Frederick Street, SW November 17 8:41 a.m.

An officer responded with Animal Control to a report of an injured deer. The officers found the animal was in grave condition and euthanized the deer.

Arrest - Domestic Assault 23-010713

Cedar Lane, SE

November 17 between 11:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

A resident reported an argument with her husband escalated when he struck and kicked her.

Ofc. Harshfield arrested the 39-year-old man from Cedar Lane, SE in Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Domestic Assault and an Emergency Protective Order was served on him.

Police Service 23-010719 Ceret Court, SW

November 18 9:03 a.m.

A resident was reporting unusual activity around her home. An officer spoke to a relative who lives with the resident who advised she was having some difficulties and they were seeking medical assistance for her.

Telephone Case 23-010725 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE November 18 1:59 p.m.

A resident reported he recently ended a long-distance relationship with a woman and she was now harassing him by phone. The resident refused to pursue charges or seek a protective order against the woman.

Vehicle Tampering 23-010727 Westwood Country Club 800 Maple Avenue, East November 18 2:50 p.m.

An employee observed a vehicle pull into the lot and one of the occupants began rummaging through another employee's vehicle, then quickly fled the area. Nothing appeared to have been taken from the employee's vehicle.

Arrest – Domestic Assault 23-10758 Cedar Lane, SE November 19 8:30 p.m.

On November 20, a resident came to the police station reporting that she had been assaulted by her husband the previous night. Rescue personnel were summoned to assess the resident who showed signs of injury and was pregnant. The woman was transported to an area hospital for further treatment.

Sgt. Tracy initiated a traffic stop on the woman's husband in the 200 block of Cedar Lane, SE, and arrested him. Ofc. Ebrahimi transported the 20-year-old man from Cedar Lane, SE in Vienna to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Domestic Assault, and an Emergency Protective Order was served on him.

Lost Property 23-010753
300 Block Maple Avenue, West
November 19 9:30 p.m.
A citizen reported she lost her wallet in the area.

Police Service 23-010762
1200 Ware Street, SW
November 20 9:15 a.m.
A resident turned in ammunition for destruction.

Trespassing 23-010765
Panera Bread
136B Maple Avenue, West
November 20 10:11 a.m.

An employee requested assistance in trespassing a customer from the restaurant. The employee advised the customer was using a vape in the restaurant. When the employee advised him he could not use a vape inside Panera, the customer became verbally aggressive and began vaping again. An officer advised the customer he was trespassed from the premises and would be charged with trespassing if he returned.

Trespassing 23-010820 Ben & Jerrys' 136C Maple Avenue, West November 21 6:00 p.m.

An employee reported an individual acting suspiciously inside the store and requested an officer assist in trespassing the man. Officers spoke to the man and advised him of the trespass. The man left and agreed not to return to the premises.

Trespassing 23-010822 Patrick Henry Library 101 Maple Avenue, East November 21 7:32 p.m.

An employee requested assistance with trespassing a frequent customer at the library who was harassing others and acting disorderly. The employee issued a trespass notice to the man and he agreed to leave the premises.

CASE UPDATES

None

CRASHES

465 Maple Avenue, West 23-010282

November 3 6:57 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in the parking lot. Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2 as they were backing out of a parking space, then fled the scene without stopping.

Lawyers Road near Maple Avenue, NW 23-010332 November 6 11:28 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Lawyers Road in the left turn lane approaching Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was southbound in the straight lane when they changed lanes and struck Vehicle-2 causing damage to both vehicles.

Driver-1 was issued two summonses charging Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention and No Driver's License.

Nutley Street and Kingsley Road, SW 23-010429 November 8 7:45 a.m.

Two vehicles were on Kingsley Road, attempting to turn left onto southbound Nutley Street. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

Nutley Street and Maple Avenue, NW 23-010614 November 15 10:22 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped at the red light on Maple Avenue at Nutley Street. Vehicle-1 struck the rear of Vehicle-2 and fled the scene without stopping.

Vehicle-1 was located and the driver was issued a summons charging Hit and Run.

Maple Avenue and Glyndon Street, SE 23-010656 November 15 12:41 p.m.

Two vehicles were stopped at the traffic light traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue at Glyndon Street when Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2 at a low speed causing minor scratches to Vehicle-2.

1400 Block Cottage Street, SW 23-010662

November 16 2:10 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on Cottage Street when it was sideswiped by Vehicle-1. Driver-1 fled the scene without providing their information.

Maple Avenue and Mashie Drive 23-010672

November 16 6:07 p.m.

Vehicle-1 struck the street sign in the median and fled the scene without reporting the accident.

155 Maple Avenue, West 23-010726

November 18 3:05 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was exiting a parking lot, turning right onto westbound Maple Avenue. Vehicle-2 (a bicyclist) was traveling eastbound on the sidewalk when the two vehicles collided. The bicyclist fell off his bike and was treated by rescue personnel for minor injuries.

132 Church Street, NW 23-010811

November 21 11:50 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on Church Street, NW. The driver was about to enter the travel lane when they were sideswiped by Vehicle-1, a commercial truck that was traveling westbound. Vehicle-1 fled the scene without stopping to provide 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

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 <u>new unwrapped toys and books</u> 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 10.

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.

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



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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 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 <u>www.cybertipline.org</u>)

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.

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



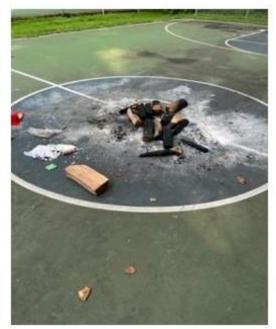
Vienna Police Department INFORMATION BULLETIN

FOR PUBLIC DISSEMINATION

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 https://www.emergencyprofile.org/.

