

VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

December 8, 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 30, 2023 to December 7, 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 <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.

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

Fraud 23-011201 Westwood Country Club 800 Maple Avenue, East November 7 12:01 a.m.

An employee was auditing their payroll when they found two unauthorized transactions from their account to utility company accounts that belonged to a former employee.

Arrest – Driving on Suspended License DWI Related 23-010983 300 Block Maple Avenue, West November 28 6:11 p.m.

An officer observed a driver, whose license privileges were suspended, operating a vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. PFC Mayar arrested the 41-year-old woman from Presidents Landing Way in Gainesville, Virginia. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Driving on a Suspended License, Driving While Intoxicated Related.

Domestic Dispute 23-010989 Cottage Street, SW November 28 9:30 p.m. An officer responded to a dispute between the adult son and other family members.

Fraud 23-011060 Northwest Federal Credit Union 231 Maple Avenue, East November 30 2:00 p.m.

An employee reported a man in the bank who they believed may have been attempting to commit fraud. The man was transported to the Vienna Police Station where he was interviewed by detectives and they determined no crime occurred.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 23-011074 Chili Wok 335 Maple Avenue, East November 30 9:30 p.m.

An employee reported a woman sleeping in the restaurant at one of the tables. Upon the officer's interaction with the woman, they detected signs of intoxication. PFC Stroh arrested the 54-year-old woman from Glendevy Court in Vienna. After being trespassed from the restaurant, the woman was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Drunk In Public.

Grand Larceny 23-011170 300 Block Arcadian Circle, SW December 1 11:00 a.m.

A resident reported two savings bonds were missing from his home and he was uncertain if they had been stolen or if he had misplaced them. The resident is in contact with the US Treasury Department to have the bonds voided and new ones reissued.

Suspicious Event 23-011097 Kim's Pro Waxing Spa 386 Maple Avenue, East December 1 2:41 p.m.

A citizen and his wife who own the business reported a customer who has been texting the wife repeatedly, bringing her gifts, and has shown up at their home. They were advised of the process to obtain warrants or a protective order if the harassment continues.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 23-011101 100 Block Patrick Street, SE December 1 4:47 p.m.

Officers responded to assist Fairfax County officers with a disorderly person at the 7-11 at 8616 Park Street. The individual was located with his roommate in the 100 Block of Patrick Street, SE. Both men showed signs of intoxication. One of the men agreed to go back into his apartment. The other man continued to act disorderly and was placed under arrest.

PFC Gucwa arrested the 47-year-old man from Patrick Street, SE in Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public.

Suspicious Event 23-011111 Windover Avenue, NW December 1 11:31 p.m.

A citizen called the department stating she was receiving threatening text messages. The citizen refused to provide her name or address and was advised without that information our department would not be able to assist her. The citizen advised she would wait a few days to determine how she wished to proceed with the case.

Grand Larceny 23-011115

500 Block Ridge Road, SW

Between December 1 at 11:45 p.m. and December 2 at 12:15 a.m.

A resident left her vehicle unlocked and parked in her driveway at 11:45 p.m. When she returned a short time later she found items were stolen from the console and her purse including cash, her checkbook, and credit cards.

Suspicious Event 23-011127 Fairway Drive, NE December 2 11:24 a.m.

Officers responded to a residence after a student at Kilmer Middle School who resides at the address made threats over social media towards other students. The incident appeared to be a part of ongoing incidents between the students. The Fairfax County Police School Resource Officer for Kilmer will follow up on this case.

Suspicious Event 23-011145 100 Block Patrick Street, SE December 3 between 1:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m.

A resident reported a man in a vehicle who had been looking into other vehicles and acting suspiciously. Officers spoke to the man who advised the vehicle he was looking into was his father's vehicle and there did not appear to have been any crime committed.

Domestic Dispute 23-011152 Cedar Lane, SE December 3 12:49 p.m. Officers responded to a verbal dispute between the residents and their adult daughter.

Grand Larceny 23-011172 400 Block Roland Street, SW December 4 11:38 a.m.

A resident placed three boxes by her mailbox for the mail carrier to take. The boxes contained a silver bowl, an ornament, and medical supplies. Her security camera showed a man exited a vehicle, stole the boxes, and fled the area.

Found Property 23-011177 Sharon Lane and Lawyers Road, NW December 4 3:00 p.m. A citizen turned in a wallet they found in the area.

Natural Death 23-011195

500 Block Glyndon Street, NE

Between December 4 at 10:00 p.m. and December 5 at 11:00 a.m.

Officers responded with rescue personnel to the report of a resident who was found unresponsive in his home by a family member. Rescue personnel determined the man was deceased.

Arrest - Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, Credit Card Theft, and Obstruction of Justice 23-011190

200 Block Courthouse Road, SW

December 5 5:30 a.m.

A resident reported her adult daughter took her debit card, US currency, and her vehicle and then left the home. The woman returned while officers were at the home and refused to return the items to her mother. As the officers were taking the woman into custody, she began to resist and fight with them.

Ofc. Ebrahimi arrested the 35-year-old woman from Courthouse Road, SW in Vienna. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, Credit Card Theft, Petit Larceny, and Obstruction of Justice.

Missing Person - Juvenile 23-011218 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE December 5 11:28 p.m.

A resident reported her daughter left for school that morning and never returned home. Her daughter called at 9:00 p.m. advising she was on her way home but never arrived. The juvenile was immediately entered into the national database as missing.

On December 6, Fairfax County Police located the juvenile at the Circle Towers apartment complex. The juvenile was under the influence of an unknown substance and was transported by rescue personnel to an area hospital for treatment and released to the custody of her mother.

Welfare Check 23-011243 Glyndon Street, SE December 7 2:36 a.m.

A suicide hotline reported a resident on the line with them stating he was harming himself. Officers responded and spoke to the man and his father. The man stated he was upset but did not wish to harm themself or others. Officers observed the man had a minor injury. Rescue personnel responded to assess the resident but he refused to be transported to a hospital.

Emergency Custody Order 23-011251 Fairway Drive, NE December 7 10:31 a.m.

A resident requested assistance with her juvenile son who she and a social worker believed needed mental health services. The juvenile fled the home before officers arrived. A lookout for the juvenile was immediately given to Fairfax County Police and he was entered as a runaway in the national database. Officers accompanied the parent to a meeting with a magistrate where an Emergency Custody Order was issued.

Later that day, the juvenile was located by Fairfax County Police in McLean. He was transported to a medical facility where the Emergency Custody Order was served. After an evaluation, a Temporary Detention Order was issued and the juvenile was held for additional treatment.

CASE UPDATES

None

CRASHES

Branch Road near Maple Avenue, SE 23-010847 November 23 1:00 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was driving northbound on Branch Road. Vehicle-1 exited the parking lot of the Branch Road Shopping Center and struck Vehicle-2.

700 Block Center Street, South 23-010891 November 24 4:50 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on Center Street. Vehicle-1 struck the driver's side mirror of Vehicle-2 and left the scene without stopping.

400 Block Knoll Street, NW 23-011025 November 29 4:31 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on Knoll Street when it was struck by Vehicle-1 causing minor damage. Driver-1 left the scene without stopping.

Locust Street and Glyndon Street, SE 23-011045

November 30 9:40 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was northbound on Glyndon Steet. Vehicle-1 was westbound on Locust Street. Vehicle-2 proceeded into the intersection and was struck by Vehicle-1.

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

1100 Block Cottage Street, SW 23-011049 November 30 10:33 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on Cottage Street when it was struck by Vehicle-1. Driver-1 left the scene without stopping to provide their information.

Maple Avenue and Glyndon Street, SE 23-011061 November 30 2:26 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was turning left from Glyndon Street, SE onto Maple Avenue with a green left turn signal. Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Maple Avenue, disregarded the red traffic signal, and struck Vehicle-2. Rescue personnel responded to assess both drivers. Driver-2 was transported to an area hospital for minor injuries.

225 Maple Avenue, East 23-011139

December 2 5:45 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.

Maple Avenue and Nutley Street, SW 23-011154

December 3 2:27 p.m.

Two vehicles were turning left in adjacent lanes from Nutley Street, SW onto westbound Maple Avenue when the two vehicles collided.

100 Block Branch Road, SE 23-011171

December 4 12:00 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in the parking lot when Vehicle-1 backed into it. The owner of Vehicle-2 was in the lot and confronted Driver-1. Driver-1 fled the scene without stopping to provide their information.

300 Block Maple Avenue, East 23-011198

December 5 12:45 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was attempting to move into the center lane to turn left when it sideswiped Vehicle-2.

1000 Block Cottage Street, SW 23-011236 December 6 5:45 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on Cottage Street, SW when it was sideswiped by Vehicle-1. Driver-1 fled the scene without stopping to provide 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

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.******

DECEMBER 12, 2023 Presented by the Fairfax County Police Motor Squad with the support of FAIRFAX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE C FAIRFAX CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT FALLS CHURCH SHERIFF'S OFFICE VIENNA POLICE DEPARTMENT VIRGINIA STATE POLICE HERNDON POLICE DEPARTMENT METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AUTHORITY POLICE Donate NEW unwrapped toys, games, books and gifts to be distributed to children at Fairfax Hospital and to the children in the community who might not otherwise have a cheerful holiday season! ANDREW CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 🤶 PENDER HILL PRE-SCHOOL FLINT HILL LOWER SCHOOL 💈 ISLAND CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SAINT TIMOTHY CATHOLIC SCHOOL 🕏 GREENTREE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SAINT AMBROSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 💈 HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL OAKWOOD SCHOOL # WORD OF LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY mosaic S PRINTED BY THE FAIRFAX COUNTY PRINT SHOP TARGET

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

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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 <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.

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.

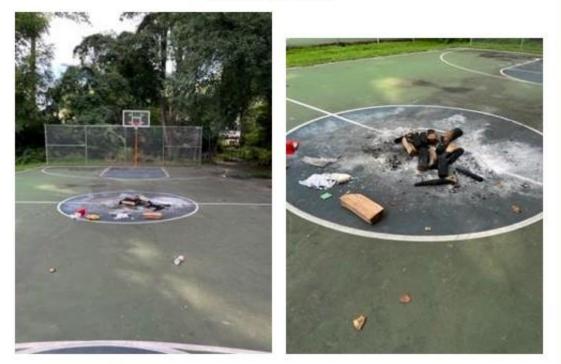


Vienna Police Department INFORMATION BULLETIN

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

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

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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>.

