

VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

January 5, 2024

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from December 21, 2023 to January 4, 2024. Readers are reminded an "arrest" is based upon probable cause and does not always mean someone was physically taken into custody. Furthermore, it does not mean an individual is automatically guilty of a crime. Judicial outcomes and post-arrest proceedings can be researched through the appropriate court's website.

(VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS IS NOT MEANT TO BE A LISTING OF EVERY INCIDENT OR CALL HANDLED BY THE Vienna Police, but merely a more substantive summary of several incidents, which may be of interest to the community. Some reports may be outside the date parameters due to extended investigations or other circumstances. Some cases are not included at all due to ongoing investigations. Please contact Juan Vazquez for further information at Juan.vazquez@viennava.gov)

On July 1, 2021, citizens will be able to access Community Policing data via https://data.virginia.gov/stories/s/rden-cz3h. The Vienna Police Department had started complying with this state law in July of 2020. The portal will contain all non-consensual investigatory stops made by the Vienna Police Departments and other law enforcement agencies in the commonwealth.

UPDATE – Car Thefts and Tamperings

The National Capital Area, specifically the Northern Virginia area, has seen increased vehicle tampering incidents and vehicle thefts. A recent pattern has been identified where suspects enter the area in stolen vehicles and cruise streets between 3:00 AM and 7:00 AM. In addition to rifling through unlocked cars for valuables and money, they steal the vehicle when they encounter keys left in it. The Vienna Police Department would like to remind our community members to please stay vigilant, secure their cars and take the keys inside, and close and lock all doors of residences and garages to prevent criminals from targeting your property. Additionally, please call the police if you notice suspicious vehicles or people in your area, and share Ring doorbell or other security camera footage with us if you capture video related to these incidents. The Vienna Police Department is working closely with other Law Enforcement agencies in the region, coordinating our resources to investigate these crimes.

If you see suspicious activity or persons, we ask you to immediately notify the police department at 703-255-6366 or, in case of emergency call 911.

INCIDENTS

Animal Case 23-011670 400 Block Onondio Circle, SE December 20 5:01 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of an injured deer. The officer found the deer trapped in the creek bed behind a residence with its antlers locked with another deer that was already deceased. The officer euthanized the deer after determining the animal was in grave condition.

Suspicious Event 23-011693 200 Block Courthouse Road, SW December 21 12:56 p.m.

A resident stated she believed her mother stole her credit card after she found it in her vehicle. The mother stated her daughter frequently drives the vehicle and she left the card in there.

Domestic Dispute 23-011701

7-11

537 Maple Avenue, West

December 21 6:45 p.m.

A resident reported his adult son became upset with him after he refused to give him money. The son left the area before the officer's arrival.

Domestic Dispute 23-011735 West Street, NW December 22 10:10 p.m.

Officers responded to a dispute between a resident and his wife.

Eluding Police 23-011742 300 Maple Avenue, West December 23 12:58 a.m.

An officer observed a vehicle traveling eastbound at a high rate of speed. The vehicle matched the description given in a lookout from Virginia State Police of a stolen vehicle that struck one of their cruisers and fled. As the officer initiated a traffic stop, the driver accelerated and turned northbound on Beulah Road. The officer terminated his pursuit and notified Virginia State Police of the vehicle's last known location.

Arrest – Warrant Service 23-011746 300 Block Maple Avenue, East December 23 2:54 a.m.

An officer observed a driver commit a traffic offense and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, he found there were active warrants for him with the James Madison University Police in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

PFC Stroh arrested the 21-year-old man from Yoakum Parkway in Alexandria, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where the two warrants charging felony Destruction of Property and Simple Assault were served and he was released on an unsecured bond. Two juvenile passengers in the vehicle were released to one of the juvenile's parents who responded to the scene.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 23-011758 Orchard Street, NW December 23 11:30 p.m.

A resident was upset over recent events. She advised the officer she would continue her medical protocol and did not need any further assistance.

Animal Case 23-011759 500 Block Ridge Road, SW December 24 5:53 a.m.

An officer responded to the report of an injured deer stuck on a fence at the property. The officer determined the deer was in grave condition and euthanized the animal.

Suspicious Event 23-017764 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE December 24 2:08 p.m.

An officer responded to a 911 hang-up where the caller stated she was attacked by her sister. The officer spoke to the woman who advised she and her sister were involved in a verbal dispute. No violations occurred. The woman and her mother left the sister's apartment.

Found Property 23-011782 Vienna Police Station 215 Center Street, South December 26 3:51 p.m.

A citizen dropped off a license plate they found.

Fraud 23-011783

Red Vacuums

171 Maple Avenue, East

December 26 5:55 p.m.

A citizen reported someone used their credit card account to make an unauthorized order at the store.

Lost Property 24-000094

Chase Bank

315 Maple Avenue, East

Between December 27 at 3:00 p.m. and December 29 at 9:00 a.m.

On January 3, a citizen reported he was at the Chase Bank for an appointment on December 27. When he left the bank he forgot his notebook that contained his personal information.

Suspicious Event 23-011807

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

December 27 3:12 p.m.

A resident reported concerning texts she received from her ex-boyfriend.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 23-011833

Glyndon Street, SE

December 28 9:58 p.m.

An officer responded to speak to a resident who called a mental health line seeking emotional support. The officer provided the resident with resources available to him.

Civil Matter 23-011854

400 Block Adahi Road, SE

December 29 6:29 p.m.

Officers responded to an ongoing dispute between neighbors over parking.

Domestic Dispute 23-011860

Fairway Drive, NE

December 29 11:07 p.m.

An officer responded to a dispute between a resident and her husband.

Suspicious Event 23-011865

CVS

337 Maple Avenue, East

December 30 7:41 p.m.

An employee reported he observed two men in the store who had previously been involved in a shoplifting case. The men left the area before officers arrived.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 23-011873

Glyndon Street, SE

December 30 11:08 p.m.

Officers responded to check on a resident who made concerning statements to a mental health hotline. The resident left his home before officers arrived. The officers located the man on Cedar Lane where they found he was in good condition, did not intend to harm himself, and requested a ride home. He declined to be seen by rescue personnel. The man was transported home where he was left in the care of his relatives.

Arrest - Alcohol Violation 23-011874

7-11

8616 Park Street

December 30 11:53 p.m.

An officer observed a man purchase a bottle of alcohol from the store and begin drinking it in public.

Ofc. Harshfield issued a summons to the 27-year-old man from Prescott Drive in Vienna charging Drinking Alcohol in Public. The man was released on his signature.

Grand Larceny 24-000059 700 Block Cottage Street, SW December 31 10:00 a.m.

On January 2, a resident reported an alert she received from her bank on December 31 about a suspicious charge on her bank card. The woman discovered her driver's license, debit card, and credit card were missing from her wallet that she left in her unlocked vehicle.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated and Accident 23-011889 600 Block John Marshall Drive, NW December 31 5:09 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on John Marshall Drive, disregarded the stop sign at Lawyers Road, and struck a stone wall. Rescue personnel responded to evaluate the driver but he refused transport. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, they detected signs of impairment. The driver failed to complete a series of field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest.

PFC McElhatten transported the 52-year-old man from Tree Fern Court in Reston, Virginia to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. After providing a sample of his breath for analysis the man was charged with Driving While Intoxicated. Due to the minor injuries he was suffering from the accident, the man was released on an unsecured bond.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 23-011897 400 Block Maple Avenue, West December 31 9:19 p.m.

An officer observed a driver commit a series of traffic offenses and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, they detected signs of impairment. Open containers of alcohol were found in the center console of the vehicle. The driver failed to complete a series of field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest.

Ofc. Fitchue transported the 30-year-old man from Chain Bridge Road in Vienna 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 where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Having an Open Container of Alcohol in the Vehicle.

Juvenile Case 24-000001 Vienna Wood Swim and Tennis Club 129 Harmony Drive, SW January 1 12:09 a.m.

Officers responding to the report of individuals walking around a home under construction located three males in the parking lot of the swim club. Upon the officers' interaction with the males, they detected an odor of marijuana and alcohol. Two of the males were juveniles and their guardians were notified to respond to the scene to pick them up after they were verbally counseled. The third male was an adult who was released at the scene.

Arrest – Assault 24-000003 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE January 1 3:45 a.m.

Officers responded to the report of a resident who had just been assaulted in her home by her roommate. The resident advised her roommate had been drinking when he began to verbally abuse her. When she threatened to call 911, an altercation began. The roommate grabbed her, took her phone, and threw it. The woman fled the residence and ran to the 7-11 for help.

Officers responded to the residence where they located the roommate in the apartment. Ofc. Fitchue arrested the 56-year-old man from Cedar Lane, SE in Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Assault and Preventing Another from Calling 911. An Emergency Protective Order was also served on the man.

Emergency Custody Order 24-000006 Holloway Court, NE January 1 7:29 a.m.

A mental health provider reported a resident sent them a concerning email. Officers responded to the resident's home where she refused to seek voluntary mental health treatment. PFC Reed took the resident into custody on an Emergency Custody Order and transported her to an area medical facility for evaluation.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 24-000074 Fardale Street and Casmar Street, SE January 2 11:03 p.m.

An officer was checking on the well-being of a man who was walking alone and had self-inflicted cuts on his arm. Rescue personnel responded to treat the minor injuries. A relative was notified and responded to the scene. The man refused transport to a medical facility or any other resources available to him. The man was released to the care of his relative.

Arrest – Warrant Service and Assault 24-000083 and 24-000114 Center Street South and Maple Avenue West January 3 9:21 a.m.

A resident reported he was walking on the sidewalk when a man kicked him. Officers located the man a block away. The resident did not wish to pursue charges for the assault. However, active warrants were found for the man with the Fairfax County Police, charging Failure to Appear, and with the Metro Transit Police, charging Assault.

PFC Keyser transported the 35-year-old man from Campbell Drive in Fairfax County where the warrants were served on him.

Animal Case 24-000110 300 Block Park Street, SE January 4 7:00 a.m.

ACO Barker responded to the report of a deer that was entangled in a hammock. Attempts to safely free the deer were unsuccessful. The animal appeared in grave condition and the deer was euthanized.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 24-000136 Battle Street, SE January 4 9:06 p.m.

Officers responded to a residence to check on the welfare of a juvenile who stated to a friend that they intended to harm themselves. After the officers spoke to the juvenile, their parents agreed to take them to a medical facility for evaluation and treatment.

CASE UPDATES

None

CRASHES

143 Maple Avenue, East 23-011499

December 15 3:00 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was westbound on Maple Avenue turning left into a parking lot. Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue and struck Vehicle-1.

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

156 Maple Avenue, East 23-011538 December 16 2:50 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was attempting to turn right from a parking lot onto eastbound Maple Avenue. Vehicle-2 (a bicycle) was traveling westbound on the sidewalk when the two vehicles collided. Driver-2 was treated by rescue personnel for their injuries but was not transported.

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

Nutley Street and Kingsley Road, SW 23-011589 December 21 12:00 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was on Kinglsey Road, turning left onto southbound Nutley Street. Vehicle-2 was traveling in the left lane of southbound Nutley Street when the two vehicles collided, causing minor damage to both vehicles.

Maple Avenue and Nutley Street, NW 23-011706 December 21 11:48 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was eastbound on Maple Avenue, turning left onto Nutley Street, NW. Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Maple Avenue when the two vehicles collided. Rescue personnel responded to assess both drivers, but both refused to be transported to the hospital.

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

Maple Avenue and Nutley Street, NW 23-011708 December 22 5:40 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Nutley Street entering the intersection on a green traffic signal. Vehicle-1 disregarded the red traffic signal and collided with Vehicle-2. Both drivers were transported to an area hospital by rescue personnel with non-life-threatening injuries.

Driver-2 was issued a summons charging Reckless Driving.

300 Block Maple Avenue, East 23-011732

December 22 7:53 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 entered the center lane before it became a turn lane. Vehicle-2 attempted to merge into the turn lane and was struck by Vehicle-1.

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

500 Block Kingsley Road, SW 23-011766

December 24 5:53 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Kingsley Road when it struck Vehicle-2 which was legally parked on the road.

Courthouse Road and Pleasant Street, SW 23-011784

December 26 7:51 p.m.

Vehicle-3 was attempting to turn left from Pleasant Street onto Courthouse Road. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-3. Vehicle-2 ran into the rear of Vehicle-1.

415 Windover Avenue, NW 23-011825

December 28 4:00 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Windover Avenue. Vehicle-1 made a left turn from the parking lot and struck Vehicle-2.

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

200 Block Oak Street, SW 23-011862

December 30 2:46 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked and unoccupied. Vehicle-1 was parked in front of Vehicle-2. Driver-1 reversed the vehicle and struck Vehicle-2 causing minor damage.

107 Church Street, NE 23-011885

December 31 1:11 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Church Street. Vehicle-1 was attempting to turn left onto Church Street from a parking lot when the two vehicles collided.

100 Block Cherry Street, SE 24-000070

January 2 9:00 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Cherry Street when the driver drifted right and struck a tree.

Lawyers Road and Wilmar Place, NW 24-000128 January 4 3:45 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was slowing to make a turn from southbound Lawyers Road onto Wilmar Place. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2 causing minor damage to both vehicles.

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

CITIZEN NOTES

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 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 <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.

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



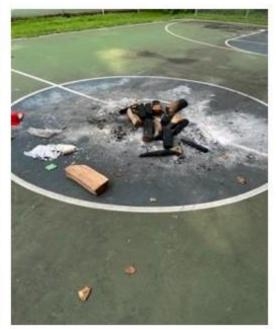
Vienna Police Department INFORMATION BULLETIN

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

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 https://www.emergencyprofile.org/.

