

# **VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS**

January 19, 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 January 12, 2024 to January 18, 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 <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.

# **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 24-000393

500 Alma Street, SE

January 5 between 7:00 a.m. and 11:59 a.m.

A resident reported someone made two unauthorized withdrawals from his bank account.

Juvenile Case 24-000443 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE January 7 11:00 p.m.

On January 14, a resident reported her nephew left home on January 7<sup>th</sup> and had not yet returned. The juvenile was immediately entered as missing into the national database. A short time later, the juvenile was located at a neighboring apartment where he had been staying.

Police Service 24-000395 Vienna Police Station 215 Center Street, South January 12 12:46 p.m.

A citizen reported he has had no contact with his mother and sister in over a year. He was concerned about their welfare and needed assistance in locating them. An officer provided the citizen with resources to help him.

Suspicious Event 24-000399 400 Block Windover Avenue, NW January 12 2:18 p.m.

A contractor reported various items of trash being left in their construction dumpster.

Assist Officer 24-000405 500 Block Maple Avenue, West January 12 3:47 p.m.

Fairfax County Police provided a lookout for a man in a vehicle who was driving erratically and recklessly on Maple Avenue, at times driving onto the sidewalk. Officers located the vehicle on Chain Bridge Road near Courthouse Road where the man attempted to elude them. The man eventually drove into the parking lot of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church where he ran from his vehicle and was quickly apprehended by Fairfax County Police Officers.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 24-000407 100 Block Hickory Circle, SW January 12 5:32 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a juvenile who was experiencing a mental health episode and was acting aggressively. Rescue personnel transported the juvenile to an area hospital for evaluation and treatment.

# Unlawful Entry 24-000409 400 Block Orchard Street, NW

January 12 7:09 p.m.

A resident reported a group of teenage males knocked loudly at her door multiple times and then opened the door. Officers searched the residence but found nothing suspicious.

#### **Arrest – Drinking In Public 24-000411**

7-11

8616 Park Street

January 12 10:49 p.m.

An officer observed a man drinking alcohol outside of the 7-11.

PFC Mayar issued a summons to the 44-year-old man from Carnegie Drive in Vienna. The man was released on his signature.

Open Door 24-000415 Social Burger 350 Maple Avenue, West January 13 8:08 a.m.

Officers responding to the report of an alarm at the restaurant found an unsecured door. The officers searched the restaurant and found nothing that appeared suspicious. An employee responded to secure the doors.

## Arrest – Drunk In Public 24-00434 7-11 537 Maple Avenue, West January 13 7:26 p.m.

A store employee notified police about a man unwilling to vacate the premises. Upon locating the individual in the parking lot, officers observed signs of intoxication during their interaction.

PFC Stroh arrested the 60-year-old man, who had no fixed address. The individual was then taken to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Drunk In Public.

Unlawful Entry 24-000439 300 Block Plum Street, SW January 14 2:19 a.m.

A resident reported an unknown person walked around her house and attempted to open a rear door. The resident's alarm was activated and the man ran off. The home's security video shows the man fleeing toward the area of Plum Street and Elm Street, SW.

Trespassing 24-000441 Wawa 465 Maple Avenue, west January 14 4:56 P.M.

An employee requested assistance with a man who was refusing to leave the store. Officers spoke with both the man and the employee and advised the man that he was trespassed from the store and would be arrested if he returned to the premises.

## Emotionally Disturbed Person 24-000468 Glyndon Street, SE January 16 2:53 a.m.

A mental health provider reported one of their patients was harming himself. Officers responded to the man's residence and spoke with him and his relative. The man refused to be treated by rescue personnel for his minor injuries. The relative drove the man to an area medical facility for evaluation.

Grand Larceny 24-000537 200 Block Park Terrace Court, SE

Between January 17 at 5:00 p.m. and January 18 at 8:30 a.m.

A resident reported someone forced entry into their work vehicle and stole his tools.

Grand Larceny 24-000531 100 Block Oakmont Court, NE

Between January 17 at 7:00 p.m. and January 18 at 6:00 p.m.

A resident reported someone entered their vehicle and stole their power tools.

Grand Larceny 24-000536 200 Block Park Terrace Court, SE Between January 17 at 9:00 p.m. and January 18 at 8:15 a.m.

A resident reported someone forced entry into his work vehicle and stole several tools.

Destruction of Property 24-000562 400 Block Upham Place, NW January 18 4:47 p.m.

A homeowner reported someone broke the window to a door in their vacant home. Officers searched the residence with the homeowner and found nothing suspicious.

#### **Arrest – Domestic Assault 24-000565**

#### Cedar Lane, SE

#### January 18 between 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

A juvenile reported his younger sibling had been assaulted by their mother. When officers arrived, they found the juvenile suffering injuries to her face. Rescue personnel responded to transport the juvenile to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. A family member was contacted to take custody of the children.

Ofc. Fitchue arrested the 35-year-old woman from Cedar Lane, SE. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Domestic Assault on a Juvenile and Child Abuse and an Emergency Protective Order was served on her.

## CASE UPDATES

None

## **CRASHES**

#### Nutley Street and Kingsley Road, SW 24-000287

#### January 9 6:52 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was turning right onto northbound Nutley Street from Kingsley Road. Vehicle-2 was traveling in the right northbound lane of Nutley Street when the two vehicles collided.

#### 800 Follin Lane, NE 24-000391

#### January 12 6:30 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in the parking lot. Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2 and fled the scene without stopping to provide their information.

#### 100 Park Street, NE

#### January 12 11:15 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped at a red traffic light in the left turn lane on Park Street, NE. Vehicle-1 was in the straight lane, attempted to change lanes to the left turn lane, and struck Vehicle-2 causing minor damage to both vehicles.

#### **359 Maple Avenue, East 24-000410**

#### January 12 2:00 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in the parking lot. Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2 and fled the scene without stopping.

# Glyndon Street and Ayr Hill Avenue, NE 24-000406 January 12 4:59 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Ayr Hill Avenue approaching the intersection of Glyndon Street. Vehicle-1 was traveling on Glyndon Street when the two vehicles collided causing minor damage to both vehicles.

# Church Street and Beulah Road, NE 24-000457 January 15 8:35 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Church Street at Beulah Road. Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound. Vehicle-1 lost control due to snow on the roadway and struck Vehicle-2.

# **200 Old Courthouse Road, NE 24-000460 January 15 4:00 p.m.**

Vehicle-1 was southbound on Old Courthouse Road. Vehicle-2 was northbound. Vehicle-1 lost control on the icy roads and the two vehicles collided.

# Maple Avenue and Nutley Street, SW 24-000485 January 16 7:36 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound, turning left onto southbound on Nutley Street. Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue when the two vehicles collided.

### Patrick Street and Park Street, SE 24-000563 January 18 8:00 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on the roadway. Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2 and 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**

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 <u>www.ic3.gov</u>
- FBI Field Office [www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices or 1-800-CALL-FBI (225-5324)]
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (1-800-THE LOST or <u>www.cybertipline.org</u>)

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

<sup>1</sup>SWAT also referred to as SWATTING is the action or practice of making a prank call to police or emergency services in an attempt bring about the dispatch of armed police officers such as a SWAT team to a particular address.

<sup>2</sup>DOX also referred to as DOXXING is the action of obtaining and publishing personally identifiable information (PII) on the internet, usually for malicious intent.

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



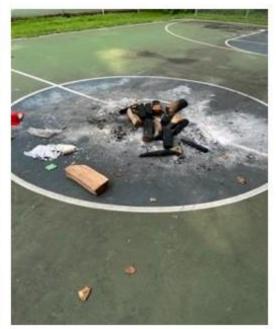
# Vienna Police Department INFORMATION BULLETIN

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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>.

