

# VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

**April 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 April 12, 2024 to April 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 24-004007

**Northwest Federal Credit Union** 

231 Maple Avenue, East

February 29 between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

A woman entered the bank and withdrew money from another person's account using fraudulent identification.

Arrest – Alcohol Violation 24-003840

7-11

537 Maple Avenue, West

April 12 10:10 a.m.

PFC Garcia observed a man in the parking lot drinking beer outside of the 7-11. The officer issued a summons to the 50-year-old man from Glengyle Drive in Vienna charging Drinking Alcohol in Public. The man was released on his signature.

Open Door 24-003865 Freeman Store & Museum 131 Church Street, NE April 12 7:35 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of an open door at the store. The officer searched the building and found nothing appeared to have been disturbed. A keyholder responded and secured the building.

Arrest – Embezzlement 24-003867 Tobacco King & Vape 332 Maple Avenue, West April 12 7:49 p.m.

The owner and a manager of the business reported an employee was embezzling from the store.

Ofc. Temple arrested the 23-year-old man from Leesburg Pike in Herndon, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Embezzlement and released on his recognizance.

Missing Person 24-003873 The Maple Room Restaurant & Lounge 377 Maple Avenue, West April 12 11:00 p.m.

A citizen reported his wife was missing when she left the restaurant while they were having dinner with another family member. The woman left in their vehicle and he was unable to contact her. A short time later the citizen reported his wife returned home.

Arrest – Assault 24-003894 Kaizen MMA 124 Branch Road, SE April 13 11:58 a.m.

A woman was legally parked in a handicapped space when a man parked next to her in what she believed was another handicapped spot. She confronted the man, believing he was in violation by parking in the space and an argument ensued. While arguing both parties pulled their phones out. The man believed the woman was recording him and pushed her hand, resulting in the woman wishing to pursue charges against him for assault.

PFC Reed issued a summons to the 62-year-old man from Key West Lane in Vienna charging Simple Assault. The man was released on his signature.

Illegal Dumping 24-003972 Southside Park 1317 Block Ross Drive, SW

Between April 13 at 9:00 p.m. and April 15 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that someone dumped a large amount of sticks from landscaping debris between Yeonas Park and Southside Park.

Arrest – 24-003937 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE April 14 8:15 p.m.

An officer observed a man who appeared to be intoxicated. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, he detected signs of impairment.

PFC Rodriguez arrested the 44-year-old man from Cedar Lane, SE, Vienna. While transporting the man to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, the man began to make several statements threatening the officers and threatening to blow up the police station. He also threatened the officer and his family. The man continued to act aggressively at the magistrate's office. The man was charged with Felony Threats to Bomb, Misdemeanor Obstruction of Justice, and Drunk In Public. He was held without bond.

Vehicle Tampering 24-003974 700 Block Marshall Road, SW Between April 14 at 9:00 p.m. and April 15 at 7:00 a.m.

A resident reported someone stole 3 pairs of glasses from his vehicle.

Domestic Dispute 24-003950 Cedar Lane, SE April 14 11:53 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a domestic dispute. One of the two parties who were arguing agreed to leave the apartment for the night.

# Arrest – Warrant Service 24-004000 300 Block Church Street, NE

### April 16 1:16 a.m.

An officer observed a vehicle traveling above the speed limit and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, he found there were outstanding warrants for him in Alexandria City and Fairfax County.

PFC Mayar arrested the 27-year-old man from Shepherdson Lane, NE, Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where the three warrants were served on him. These warrants charged Attempted Violation of an Emergency Protective Order and Violation of a Preliminary Protective Order in Alexandria along with Stalking in Fairfax County.

Found Property 24-004013 Starbucks 362 Maple Avenue, East April 16 1:32 p.m.

A citizen found a folder containing personal documents.

Arrest - Alcohol Violation 24-004029

7-11

8616 Park Street

April 16 9:30 p.m.

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

Ofc. Fitchue issued a summons to the 39-year-old man from Patrick Street, SE in Vienna. The man was released on his signature.

Assist EMS 24-004057 Church Street, NE April 17 1:04 p.m.

An officer responded with rescue personnel for the report of a teenager who consumed medication after an argument with her mother. The juvenile was transported to an area hospital for evaluation.

Trespassing 24-004079 300 Park Street, NE April 18 3:28 a.m.

A resident was alerted to movement in his backyard by his security system. The resident checked his security camera and observed a man in the backyard attempting to open the rear doors to his home. Officers immediately responded but did not locate anyone in the yard or the area. There was no entry made into the home and there appeared to be no damage.

### CASE UPDATES

None

### **CRASHES**

### 320 Maple Avenue, East 24-003858 April 12 3:17 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was westbound in the left lane on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was attempting to turn left from 320 Maple Avenue, East onto eastbound Maple Avenue when the two vehicles collided.

# Maple Avenue and Glyndon Street, NE 24-003877 April 13 12:45 a.m.

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

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Obey a Traffic Signal.

### DeSale Street and Yeonas Drive, SW 24-003905 April 13 6:48 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling on Yeonas Drive. Vehicle-1 was traveling on DeSale Street. Vehicle-1 stopped for the 2-way stop sign, then proceeded into the intersection where the two vehicles collided.

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

# 100 Block Yeonas Drive, SW

April 15 4:00 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on Yeonas Drive, SW when it was side-swiped by Vehicle-1. Driver-1 fled the scene without providing their information.

# Nutley Street and Courthouse Road, SW April 1 11:08 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound in the left lane of Nutley Street, SW. Vehicle-1 was traveling northbound on Nutley, attempting to turn left onto Courthouse when the two vehicles collided. Driver-1 was transported by rescue personnel to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Please contact Juan Vazquez for further information on any of these cases at <u>Juan.Vazquez@viennava.gov</u> or 703-255-7845.

# **CITIZEN NOTES**



# Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

# Vienna Police Department to Participate in the DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative

Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In conjunction with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and state and local law enforcement agencies, the Vienna Police Department will again participate in a one-day initiative to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from area homes.

On April 27, 2024, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., the Vienna Police Department will have a collection site for old, expired, unused, or unwanted medications. Prescription medications, controlled or non-controlled substances, and over-the-counter drugs may be turned in anonymously at the collection point inside the Vienna Police Department temporary facility located at 215 Center Street, South, Vienna, Virginia 22180.

Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing it and disposing of it directly into the collection box. If an original container is used, the individual should consider removing any identifying information from the prescription label. Liquid products should remain sealed in their original container to prevent leakage.

DEA will collect vape pens or other e-cigarette devices from consumers only after the batteries are removed. It is important to stress that the DEA is not responsible for removing batteries from the devices.

Intravenous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted due to associated hazards (The only exemption is EpiPens).

Commercial businesses, pharmacies, or other medical facilities may not use this to discard expired medications or medical waste.

For DEA Authorized Collectors that provide year-round drop-off locations to the public to dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals, go to <u>Controlled Substance Public Disposal Locations</u>.

For further information, please contact:

MPO Juan Vazquez - Town of Vienna Police Department

<u>Juan.vazquez@viennava.gov</u> or 703-255-7845

### Mayor & Chief at Your Service

Get set for the second forum of the year featuring Mayor Linda Colbert and Vienna Police Chief Jim Morris on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 7 p.m. at the Vienna Police Department Community Room. The topic of this session will focus on phone and internet scams that have already cost Vienna residents of all ages hundreds of thousands of dollars. Learn about the latest scams, including one that targets recent college graduates, and find out how you can protect yourself from falling victim to these scams.

Afterward, Chief Morris and Mayor Colbert will be available to take questions on any Town topic. Refreshments will be served. The Vienna Police Department is located at 215 Center St. S., Vienna.

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: <a href="https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices">www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices</a>

### Violent Online Groups Extort Minors to Self-Harm and Produce Child Sexual Abuse Material

The FBI is warning the public of violent online groups deliberately targeting minor victims on publicly available messaging platforms to extort them into recording or live-streaming acts of self-harm and producing child sexual abuse material (CSAM). These groups use threats, blackmail, and manipulation to control the victims into recording or live-streaming self-harm, sexually explicit acts, and/or suicide; the footage is then circulated among members to extort victims further and exert control over them.

### **VIOLENT ONLINE GROUPS**

The violent online groups use many names, including 676, 764, CVLT, Court, Kaskar, Harm Nation, Leak Society, and H3ll, but continuously evolve and form subgroups under different monikers. They operate on publicly available platforms, such as social media sites or mobile applications. To gain access to a majority of these groups, prospective members are required to live-stream or upload videos depicting their minor victims harming animals or committing self-harm, suicide, murder, or other acts of violence. The key motivators of these groups are to gain notoriety and rise in status within their groups.

### **TARGETING**

The groups target minors between the ages of 8 and 17 years old, especially LGBTQ+ youth, racial minorities, and those who struggle with a variety of mental health issues, such as depression and suicidal ideation.

#### **EXTORTION AND SELF-HARM**

The groups use extortion and blackmail tactics, such as threatening to SWAT¹ or DOX² the minor victims, if they do not comply with the groups' requests, manipulate and extort minors into producing CSAM and videos depicting animal cruelty and self-harm. Self-harm activity includes cutting, stabbing, or fansigning³. Members of the groups threaten to share sexually explicit videos or photos of the minor victims with their family, friends, and/or post to the internet. The groups control their victims through extreme fear and many members have an end-goal of forcing the minors they extort into committing suicide on live-stream for their own entertainment or their own sense of fame.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The FBI urges the public to exercise caution when posting or direct messaging personal photos, videos, and identifying information on social media, dating apps, and other online sites. Although seemingly innocuous when posted or shared, the images and videos can provide malicious actors an abundant supply of content to exploit for criminal activity. Advancements in content creation technology and accessible personal images online present new opportunities for malicious actors to find and target minor victims. This leaves them vulnerable to embarrassment, harassment, extortion, financial loss, or continued long-term re-victimization. Further, the FBI recommends looking out for warning signs indicating a minor may be experiencing self-harm or suicidal ideations. Being able to recognize the warning signs of self-harm will help you provide immediate support.

The FBI recommends the public consider the following warning signs regarding self-harm or suicide:

- Sudden behavior changes such as becoming withdrawn, moody, or irritable.
- Sudden changes in appearance, especially neglect of appearance.
- Changes in eating or sleeping habits.
- Dropping out of activities and becoming more isolated and withdrawn.
- Scars, often in patterns.
- Fresh cuts, scratches, bruises, bite marks, burns, or other wounds.
- Carvings, such as words or symbols, on the skin.
- Wearing long sleeves or pants in hot weather.
- Threatening to commit suicide and openly talking about death, not being wanted or needed or not being around.

The FBI recommends the public consider the following when sharing content (e.g., photos and videos) or engaging with individuals online:

- Monitor children's online activity and discuss risks associated with sharing personal content.
- Use discretion when posting images, videos, and personal content online, particularly those that include children or their information.

- Images, videos, or personal information posted online can be captured, manipulated, and distributed by malicious actors without your knowledge or consent.
- Once content is shared on the internet, it can be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to remove once it is circulated or posted by other parties.
- Run frequent online searches of you and your children's information (e.g., full name, address, phone number, etc.) to help identify the exposure and spread of personal information on the internet.
- Apply privacy settings on social media accounts—including setting profiles and your friends' lists as private—to limit the public exposure of your photos, videos, and other personal information.
- Consider using reverse image search engines to locate any photos or videos that have circulated on the internet without your knowledge.
- Exercise caution when accepting friend requests, communicating, engaging in video
  conversations, or sending images to individuals, you do not know personally. Be especially wary
  of individuals who immediately ask or pressure you to provide them photos or videos. Those
  items could be screen-captured, recorded, manipulated, shared without your knowledge or
  consent, and used to exploit you or someone you know.
- Do not provide any unknown or unfamiliar individuals with money or other items of value.
   Complying with malicious actors does not guarantee your sensitive photos or content will not be shared.
- Use discretion when interacting with known individuals online who appear to be acting outside their normal pattern of behavior. Malicious actors can easily manipulate hacked social media accounts.
- Secure social media and other online accounts using complex passwords or passphrases and multi-factor authentication.
- Research the privacy, data sharing, and data retention policies of social media platforms, apps, and websites before uploading and sharing images, videos, or other personal content.

#### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

If you are worried about someone who might be self-harming or is at risk of suicide the following resources may help:

- Consult your pediatrician or other health care provider who can provide an initial evaluation or a referral to a mental health professional.
- Connecting your child to a mental health resource can help them learn healthy coping skills for intense emotions and help reduce the risk of a serious injury.
- If it is an immediate, life-threatening emergency dial 9-1-1.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children provides a free service known as **Take It Down**, which helps minor victims, even if they are now an adult, but were victimized as a minor, with online

image or video files, remove or stop the online sharing of nude, or sexually explicit content taken while under 18 years old. For more information, visit <a href="https://takeitdown.ncmec.org">https://takeitdown.ncmec.org</a>.

If you believe you are the victim of a crime using these types of tactics, retain all information regarding the incident (e.g., usernames, email addresses, websites or names of platforms used for communication, photos, videos, etc.) and immediately report it to:

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

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

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

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

<sup>3</sup>Fansigning is writing or cutting specific numbers, letters, symbols, or names onto your body.



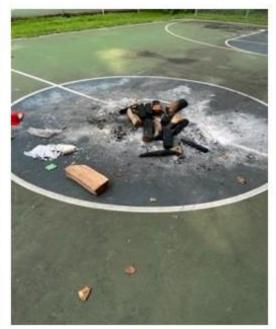
# Vienna Police Department INFORMATION BULLETIN

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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>.

