

VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

April 26, 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 19, 2024 to April 25, 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

Fraud 24-004087

600 Block Hine Street, SE

Between August 1, 2022 9:00 a.m. and April 14, 2024 9:00 a.m.

A resident reported suspicious activity taking place on her bank account.

Arrest - Driving on a Suspended License 24-004009

Nutley Street, SW / Courthouse Road, SW

April 16 between 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Officer Ludwick was dispatched to an accident with injuries, where one of the drivers involved had a suspended license. The suspended driver was taken to the hospital for treatment. Later, on 4/20/24, Officer Ludwick visited the Fairfax County Magistrate's office, where he obtained a magistrate summons for driving with a suspended license. Subsequently, Officer Ludwick served the magistrate summons to the driver who had a suspended license on Drake Street, SW, Vienna.

Vehicle Tampering 24-004248

1200 Block Drake Street, SW

Between April 17 6:00 p.m. and April 18 8:00 a.m.

A town resident reported that an unidentified individual entered her unlocked vehicle and stole her son's backpack, which contained his school-issued laptop.

Vehicle Tampering 24-004143

200 Block Hilltop Road, NE

April 18 3:30 a.m.

A town resident reported that someone entered her unlocked vehicle during the night.

Lost Property 24-004134

400 Block Glyndon Street, SE

Between April 18 5:00 p.m. and April 19 7:00 a.m.

A town resident reported she lost her wallet.

Trespassing 24-004131

100 Block Mashie Court, SE

Between April 18 9:00 p.m. and April 19 6:30 a.m.

A construction worker reported a suspicious person. The suspicious person had left the construction site before the police arrived.

Arrest – Domestic Assault 24-004126 Westview Ct, NE April 19 12:30 a.m.

Officer Harshfield responded to a domestic dispute call. During the investigation, it was determined that an assault took place. The officer arrested a 24-year-old man from Westview Drive in Vienna charging Assault and Battery – Family member. The man was transported to

the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. An arrest warrant was obtained from the magistrate and served. The man was released on an unsecured bond.

Civil Case 24-004137
PNC Bank
353 Maple Avenue, East
April 19 between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
A safety deposit box was re-keyed in error.

Animal Case 24-004227 Vienna Pet Spa 101 Church Street, NW April 19 2:00 p.m.

A woman was bit on her hand while she was working on grooming a dog. The owner of the dog was advised of the required 10-day at-home quarantine.

Assist Fire / EMS 24-004127 Mcdonalds 544 Maple Avenue, West April 19 2:46 p.m.

Officers responded to investigate a suspicious event. After speaking to the parties involved, it was determined that an individual required medical attention. They were transported to a nearby hospital.

Arrest – Driving with a Revoked License DWI Related 24-004166 Lawyers Road NW / Holmes Drive NW April 20 7:31 a.m.

During a traffic stop, the Officer was informed that the driver had a revoked license DWI related. MPO Reedy arrested the 44-year-old man from Lee Hwy, Falls Church. The man was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and met with a magistrate. The magistrate issued an arrest warrant for Driving with a revoked driver's license DWI related. The magistrate issued a \$5,000 unsecured bond and he was released on his signature.

Domestic Assault 24-004207

200 Block Courthouse Circle, SW

Between April 20 10:00 a.m. and April 21 10:00 p.m.

An officer was requested to assist a Fairfax County employee who was at the residence. The officer investigated the allegations and advised the resident on the process of obtaining warrants at the magistrate's office.

Found Property 24-004174 136 Maple Avenue, West April 20 3:12 p.m.

A citizen turned in a credit card they found in the parking lot.

Arrest – Drinking In Public 24-004184

7-11

8616 Park Street

April 20 7:31 p.m.

PFC Mayar observed a group of men drinking alcohol in front of a 7-11. PFC Mayar advised the group of men that they were not allowed to be drinking in public.

PFC Mayar charged the six men who were drinking in public. A 56-year-old man from Cedar Lane SE, Vienna, a 27-year-old man from Hillcrest Drive SW, Vienna, a 52-year-old man from Cedar Lane SE, Vienna, a 33-year-old man from Anderson Avenue, Mclean, a 53-year-old man from Park Street SE, Vienna and a 44-year-old man from Patrick Street SE, Vienna. Each of the men received a summons for drinking in public and were released on their signature.

Suspicious Event 24-004201

1400 Block Ross Drive, SW

April 21 between 2:40 a.m. and 2:53 a.m.

A town resident requested police officers responded to her home to report a suspicious event that took place inside the residence.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 24-004265

Glyndon Street, SE

April 23 3:00 a.m.

Police dispatch received a report of an emotionally disturbed individual wandering in the Vienna area. Officers were immediately dispatched to the area to search for the individual. Officers located the distressed person and contacted the family. The family promptly arrived to pick up the individual and drive them home.

Animal Case 24-004312 100 Block Tapawingo Road, SE April 24 7:00 a.m.

A construction worker called Animal Control Officer John Barker and advised of an injured deer by a fence of the property. ACO Barker responded to the house and investigated. It was determined that the deer needed to be euthanized due to the extent of his injuries. Officer Ludwick responded to the scene and euthanized the deer.

Found Property 24-004317 101 Maple Avenue, East April 24 10:38 a.m. A woman found a set of keys.

CASE UPDATES

None

CRASHES

Hit and Run - 115 Park Street, SE 24-004084 April 16 12:45 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was parked in a garage. When the driver returned to the vehicle it noticed minor damage.

362 Maple Avenue, East 24-004016 April 16 4:08 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was pulling out from a business blocking the sidewalk. A pedestrian, passing by at the time, struck the hood of the vehicle-1 with his hands.

Hit and Run - 228 Cedar Lane, SE 24-004085 April 18 8:49 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was parked in a parking spot for a few days. When the driver returned to the vehicle it noticed minor damage.

Park St NE / Maple Ave, East 24-4090 April 18 11:39 a.m.

The driver of vehicle-1 made a turn too wide and struck vehicle-2 which was stopped at a red traffic light. Vehicle-1 scratched the left front tire of vehicle-2.

Maple Avenue, West / Lawyers Road, NW 24-4091 April 18 11:40 a.m.

Vehicle 1 and vehicle 2 were stopped at a red light. The driver of vehicle 2 reached for something on the floor of the car and her foot slipped from the brake pedal thus rear-ending vehicle 1.

Church Street, NE / Park Street, NE 24-4097 April 18 1:45 p.m.

Vehicle 2 came to a stop at the intersection and then proceeded through it. Vehicle 1, however, failed to wait for Vehicle 2 and collided with it as it was driving eastbound through the same intersection.

Driver 1 received a summons for Failing to obey a highway sign.

Lawyers Road, NW / Ayr Hill Ave, NW 24-4106 April 18 5:40 p.m.

Vehicle 2 was traveling northbound on Lawyers Road, NW while Vehicle 1 was traveling westbound on Ayrhill Ave, NW approaching the same intersection. Vehicle 1 disregarded the stop sign and proceeded onto Lawyers Road striking Vehicle 2 at that intersection. Vehicle 2 was overturned as a result of the impact. Both drivers were checked by EMS but declined to be transported to the hospital.

Driver 1 received a summons for Failing to obey a highway sign.

Cedar Lane School 101 Cedar Lane, SW 24-4292 April 23 6:00 p.m.

Vehicle 2 was stopped on Cedar Lane, SW for a red light. When the traffic light cycled to green vehicle 2 proceeded forward and stopped again behind the waiting traffic. Vehicle 1 was traveling directly behind vehicle 2 and was not able to stop on time thus rear-ending vehicle 2.

Driver 1 received a summons for Not Paying Full Time and Attention.

314 Maple Avenue, West 24-4313 April 24 7:44 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was exiting a parking lot and entering Maple Avenue, West, and did not see Vehicle-2 approaching. When vehicle-1 attempted to cross both travel lanes of Maple Avenue, West it struck vehicle 2 in the middle.

Driver 1 received a summons for Not Paying Full Time and Attention

Please contact Juan Vazquez for further information on any of these cases at Juan. Vazquez@viennava.gov 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 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
Juan.vazquez@viennava.gov 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.



On Wednesday, April 24th, 2024, at approximately 6:43 p.m., a serious pedestrian accident occurred at Church Street and East Street in the Town of Vienna. The police department is seeking your help. If you witnessed the incident or have a security camera that might have recorded it, please contact the Vienna Police Department at (703) 255-6366 and mention case number 2024-4331.

As we see a rise in these cases across the area and the country, we would like to share this important FBI Public Service Announcement and make the community aware.

Vienna Police Department



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

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

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

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

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



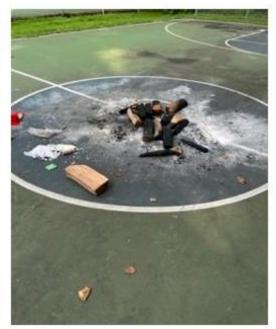
Vienna Police Department INFORMATION BULLETIN

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 https://www.emergencyprofile.org/.

