

# VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

May 3, 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 26, 2024 to May 2, 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 <u>https://data.virginia.gov/stories/s/rden-cz3h</u>. The Vienna Police Department had started complying with this state law in July of 2020. The portal will contain all non-consensual investigatory stops made by the Vienna Police Departments and other law enforcement agencies in the commonwealth.

### UPDATE – Car Thefts and Tamperings

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

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

### **INCIDENTS**

Vehicle Tampering 24-004381 Glyndon Park 300 Glyndon Street, NE Between April 25 at 8:00 p.m. and April 26 at 6:00 a.m.

A resident reported someone broke the driver's side window of her vehicle while it was parked at Glyndon Park. Nothing appeared to have been taken from the vehicle.

### Fraud 24-004365 Manhattan Bagel 310 Maple Avenue, West April 26 11:34 a.m.

An employee reported a person used a counterfeit bill to pay for their purchase. They advised that shortly before this incident, another person had attempted to pass a counterfeit bill at the Dunkin Donuts next door to their business.

# Stolen Vehicle 24-004419

### **100 Block Patrick Street, SE**

### Between April 26 at 10:00 p.m. and April 27 at 7:00 a.m.

A resident reported his vehicle had been stolen. He stated that he left the locked vehicle parked at his residence and took an Uber to a club in Annandale. He noticed the vehicle was missing the following morning. The vehicle was entered into the national database as stolen. A few hours later, Fairfax County Police stated the vehicle had been towed in the Annandale area of their jurisdiction. When the vehicle was located, it was locked with no signs of forced entry. The resident was notified of the location of his vehicle.

### Vehicle Tampering 24-004420

### **100 Block Patrick Street, SE**

### Between April 26 at 11:00 p.m. and April 27 at 8:48 a.m.

A resident reported someone rummaged through their unlocked vehicle and stole a cell phone.

### Natural Death 24-004432 100 Block Wilmar Place, NW April 27 5:51 p.m.

The relative of a resident was checking on her welfare when he found her unresponsive in her home. Officers responded with rescue personnel and confirmed the woman, who suffered from medical conditions, was deceased.

### Juvenile Case 24-004452 300 Block Broadleaf Drive, NE April 28 3:23 a.m.

A resident reported a suspicious person in a vehicle in front of her home. Officers observed a teenage juvenile sleeping in the driver's seat of the vehicle with the ignition off and an open container of alcohol. An officer notified the juvenile's father who came to the location and picked up his.

### Arrest – Warrant Service 24-004453 800 Block Maple Avenue, East April 28 4:54 a.m.

An officer observed a driver commit a traffic offense and initiated a traffic stop. The officer found there was an active warrant for the driver in Arlington County, Virginia. PFC Rodriguez arrested the 29-year-old man from Silver Hill Road in McLean, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where the misdemeanor warrant charging Threatening Illegal or Immoral Acts Over the Telephone was served on him.

### Arrest – Driving on a Revoked License 24-004468 500 Block Maple Avenue, West

### April 28 9:51 a.m.

During a traffic stop, an officer confirmed the driver's license privilege was revoked related to a DWI charge. Ofc. Ebrahimi arrested the 42-year-old man from Wadebrook Terrace in Springfield, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Driving on a Revoked Licence / DWI Related.

### Police Service 24-004473 600 Block Beulah Road, NE

### April 28 between 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

A resident reported that they have had ongoing civil issues with a neighbor. After previously being told by the resident to stay off his property, the neighbor came to his home and left a note on his door and his vehicle. An officer spoke to the neighbor and advised her that she was trespassed from the resident's property and she was to refrain from having any further form of communication with them.

### Police Service 24-004501 1000 Block Moorefield Hill Grove, SW April 29 10:20 a.m.

A resident turned in ammunition for destruction.

### Trespassing 24-004562 CVS 337 Maple Avenue, East April 30 6:10 p.m.

An employee reported a woman in the store who appeared to be shoplifting but discarded the items when she noticed the employees were watching her. At the request of the store management, the woman was trespassed from the store.

### Vandalism 24-004605 300 Block Jean Place, NE May 1 between 3:15 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

A citizen parked his vehicle on the roadway while playing basketball at Glyndon Park. When he returned to the vehicle he found someone poured coffee along the driver's side, damaging the vehicle.

### Animal Case – Quarantine 24-004673 1100 Block Kings Way Court, SW May 2 7:00 p.m.

A resident reported she was accepting a food delivery when her dog got out of the door and bit the delivery driver. The man suffered a minor injury but refused rescue. The resident was advised of the 10-day quarantine for the dog.

CASE UPDATES

None

### **CRASHES**

### Maple Avenue and Park Street, NE 24-004285 April 23 2:27 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped for a traffic signal westbound on Maple Avenue at Park Street, NE. Vehicle-1 struck the rear of Vehicle-2 multiple times. Driver-2 fled the scene without stopping to provide their information.

Ofc. Ebrahimi later identified Driver-1 and obtained a warrant for the 74-year-old woman from Rosehaven Street in Fairfax, Virginia charging Hit & Run. On May 2, the officer served the warrant and released the woman on her signature.

### Tapawingo Road and Ware Street, SW 24-004346 April 25 1:45 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Tapawingo Road when the trailer detached from the hitch on his truck and struck the road causing damage.

### 100 Block Glyndon Street, SE 24-004388

### April 26 6:30 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Glyndon Street. Vehicle-1 was exiting the parking lot at 237 Maple Avenue to turn left onto Glyndon Street when the two vehicles collided.

### Nutley Street and Tapawingo Road, SW

### May 1 5:42 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling southbound on Nutley Street attempting to turn right onto Tapawingo Road. Vehicle-2 (a bicyclist) was traveling westbound on Tapawingo Road with a green traffic light at Nutley Street when Vehicle-1 struck them. Driver-1 fled the scene without stopping. Driver-2 suffered minor injuries.

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

### **CITIZEN NOTES**



# Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

## **Results of the 26<sup>th</sup> National Drug Take Back Initiative**

On April 27, 2024, the Town of Vienna Police Department teamed up with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (D.E.A.) for the 26th National Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative. During this event, the Town of Vienna Police Department successfully gathered and properly disposed of 304 pounds of expired or unnecessary medications, which residents voluntarily turned in. In April, the statewide initiative collected approximately 17,424 pounds of medication, about 970 pounds more than last October.

The Vienna Police Department is committed to remaining an active partner with the D.E.A. in future Drug Take Back events, continuing its efforts to promote safe and responsible medication disposal.



Det. Gregory Hylinski with 304 pounds of unused or expired medications

For further information please contact: M.P.O. 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 SWAT<sup>1</sup> or DOX<sup>2</sup> 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 fansigning<sup>3</sup>. Members of the groups threaten to share sexually explicit videos or photos of the minor victims with their family, friends, and/or post to the internet. The groups control their victims through extreme fear and many members have an end-goal of forcing the minors they extort into committing suicide on live-stream for their own entertainment or their own sense of fame.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<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.

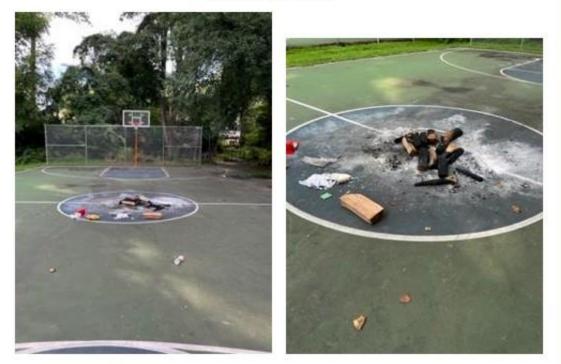


# Vienna Police Department INFORMATION BULLETIN

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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, patrick.crandall@viennava.gov or Det. Bradley Reedy, bradley.reedy@viennava.gov (703) 386-4008, reference case number 2023-7214

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

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### Vienna Police Department



The emergency technology company, **RapidSOS**, has partnered with the American Heart Association, American Red Cross, and Direct Relief to sponsor a no-cost voluntary health database. RapidSOS is an intelligent safety platform that securely links life-saving data from 500M+ connected devices, apps, and sensors from 90+ global technology companies to over 450,000 first responders across 15,000 agencies nationwide. Whether there's an unsafe moment or an emergency, RapidSOS Ready devices, homes, or buildings deliver essential data to first responders when it matters most.

Town of Vienna residents may create a free emergency health profile that can be easily shared with first responders during a crisis or emergency to ensure they can access your critical health and medical information when you need help. Your created profile provides real-time details about your medical history, emergency contacts, allergies, etc. It only takes a few minutes to set up and is voluntary.

You can enter behavioral health information, pre-existing medical conditions, allergies, emergency contacts, and other relevant details into the database. This information is associated with your mobile phone number and will only be available to first responders when they receive an emergency call from your provided telephone number. You can choose the amount of information you provide based on your discretion.

Regularly reviewing and updating your profile is vital to ensure first responders have the most up-to-date information, especially after significant health or life changes.

We encourage Vienna residents to take the first step in ensuring their safety during an emergency by creating a free emergency health profile today at <u>https://www.emergencyprofile.org/</u>.

