

VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

June 7, 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 May 31, 2024 to June 6, 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

Arrest – Drunk In Public 24-005652 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE May 26 1:55 p.m.

An officer checked on the welfare of a man she observed stumbling in the parking lot. Upon her interaction with the man, the officer detected signs of intoxication. Ofc. Ebrahimi arrested the 60-year-old man from Park Terrace Court, SE in Vienna. Due to the man's level of intoxication, the officer transported him to an area medical facility for treatment. Once he was medically cleared, he was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk in Public.

Trespassing 24-005945 1100 Block Hillcrest Drive, SW May 27 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

A resident reported his neighbor approached him about cutting the branches of a tree that were leaning against the neighbor's fence. The resident advised the neighbor he would take care of them. A few days later, the resident found someone cut the tree down to its stump.

Animal Case – Quarantine 24-005851 400 Block Center Street, North May 27 5:00 p.m.

On May 30, the Health Department reported that a town resident had been bitten by a dog. They requested ACO Barker obtain further information about the dog from the resident for the quarantine procedure. The man advised the dog belonged to a friend and that the bite occurred in Great Falls, Virginia, but he would not provide any further details on the dog's owner.

Suspicious Event 24-005772 100 Block Cunningham Park Court, SE May 28 2:00 p.m.

A resident reported suspicious activity on his bank account. The bank immediately closed his account and reopened a new one to prevent any potential fraud.

Fraud 24-006127 200 Block Battle Street, SW May 30 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported their wallet was stolen to the Nashville, Tennesse Police Department. The resident later found fraudulent activity on his financial accounts.

Destruction of Property 24-005837 1000 Block Delilah Drive, SW May 31 12:26 p.m.

A resident reported someone knocked over his mailbox, breaking the post.

Missing Adult 24-005885 1100 Block Pekay Street, SW

June 1 between 8:30 a.m. and 3:41 p.m.

An officer checked on the welfare of a resident after she sent concerning text messages to a friend. A relative advised the woman left her home to meet friends and then began sending the messages. The woman was entered as missing and a lookout was sent to local police jurisdictions. She was later found by Arlington County Police who provided her with the services she needed.

Destruction of Property 24-005877 Herat Oriental Rugs 134 Maple Avenue, East June 1 10:00 a.m.

The store owner reported that someone had been damaging the merchandise they placed in front of their store.

Fraud 24-005929 Yeonas Park 1319 Ross Drive, SW June 1 between 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

A citizen reported his wallet, containing U.S. currency, credit and debit cards, and his driver's license was stolen from his unlocked vehicle while he was at the park. A short time later he discovered fraudulent charges to his cards.

Petit Larceny 24-005903 120 Cherry Street, SE June 1 between 7:30 p.m. and 9:50 p.m.

A juvenile reported that his phone and charger were stolen while he was practicing on the ball fields.

Juvenile Case 24-005912 101 Maple Avenue, East June 2 3:19 a.m.

An officer observed an individual walking into the wooded area at the rear of the Patrick Henry Library parking lot. The individual was located at the baseball fields. It was determined the individual was a juvenile runaway from Annapolis, Maryland. The juvenile was transported to the Vienna Police Station where his parents were notified and responded to pick him up.

Trespassing 24-005918
Purple Onion Catering Company
416 Maple Avenue, West
June 2 4:00 a.m.

An employee reported an unknown individual started a campfire inside one of the catering tents behind their building. The individual was seen in a security video leaving the area a few hours before employees arrived. No damage was caused and only a bottle of water was missing.

Found Property 24-005960 Meadow Lane Park 400 Courthouse Road, SW June 2 5:00 p.m.

A citizen found a watch at the park.

Police Service 24-005954 Maggio's Restaurant 421 Maple Avenue, East June 3 10:40 a.m.

The restaurant owner reported a suspicious man wandering around her business who she wanted trespassed from the premises. An officer located the man and advised him of the trespass notice and that he may be charged if he returned to the restaurant.

Petit Larceny 24-005994 Vienna Tobacco 401 Maple Avenue, East June 3 8:45 p.m.

An employee reported two men stole two vapes from the store and fled the area in a vehicle.

Natural Death 24-006005 500 Block Woodland Court, NW June 3 9:59 p.m.

Officers responded to a residence for the report of a man suffering a medical emergency. Ofc. Temple found the man unresponsive and immediately began CPR until rescue units arrived on the scene and took over life-saving measures. Rescue personnel determined the man, who suffered from medical issues, was deceased.

Fraud 24-006027 200 Block Glyndon Street, SE June 4 9:11 a.m.

A resident and co-owner of Vienna Paint and Decorating reported a fraudulent check written on their business account.

Vehicle Tampering 24-006048 359 Maple Avenue, East June 4 1:27 p.m.

A citizen called 911 as they were observing a man exit a vehicle, break the rear passenger door of the vehicle next to it, and take items from the vehicle. The man then immediately fled the area. When the owner returned to her vehicle she found a large amount of U.S. currency that she had just withdrawn from the bank and her checkbook was missing.

Suspicious Event 24-006080 Dairy Queen 304 Maple Avenue, West June 4 8:33 p.m.

The manager reported that a man entered the store and began arguing with her. The manager had previously had numerous encounters with the same man, who had stolen tip jars and acted belligerently toward the employees. She posted photos of the man so the employees would be aware. The man took down the photos and left the store.

Police Service 24-006113 100 Block Ross Drive, SW June 5 2:39 p.m.

A resident turned in a firearm for destruction.

CASE UPDATES

None

CRASHES

300 Block Maple Avenue, East 24-005853

May 31 6:00 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was turning left from the parking lot of 328 Maple Avenue, East. Vehicle-2 was westbound on Maple Avenue in the center turn lane to turn left into 315 Maple Avenue when the two vehicles collided.

100 Block Lawyers Road, NW 24-005899 June 1 8:32 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped at the red light on Lawyers Road at Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

Plum Street and Cottage Street, SW 24-005983 June 3 5:10 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Cottage Street. Vehicle-1 was at the stop sign on Plum Street, proceeded into the intersection, and struck Vehicle-2.

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

Park Street and Tapawingo Road, SE 24-005985 June 3 6:37 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling northbound on Park Street. Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound on Tapawingo Road. The two vehicles collided in the intersection.

Nutley Street and Virginia Center Boulevard 24-006039 June 4 10:35 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling southbound on Nutley Street. Vehicle-2, a Town of Vienna Police motorcycle with its emergency lights on, was stopped on Virginia Center Boulevard at the intersection of Nutley Street after providing a school crossing. Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2, causing minor damage, and continued onto the ramp of westbound Route 66 where it was stopped by another officer.

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

Kingsley Road and Nutley Street, SW 24-006071 June 4 6:36 p.m.

Two vehicles were turning right from Kingsley Road onto Nutley Street. Vehicle-2 started to pull onto Nutley Street, then stopped. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

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

CITIZEN NOTES



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release



The Vienna Police Department Launches Stop Sign Enforcement Campaign

The Vienna Police Department is launching its annual traffic safety campaign, focusing on enforcing all traffic laws, particularly those related to stop signs. Officers will be vigilant in issuing tickets and reminding drivers of the importance of coming to a complete stop when encountering a solid or flashing red light or a stop sign, ensuring they halt before entering the crosswalk, intersection, or stop line. In certain situations, such violations may be considered reckless driving and result in citations by the police.

Drivers caught violating stop signs or red-light regulations will face fines and receive three demerit points on their driving records. The Vienna Police Department urges all drivers to adopt a defensive and courteous approach on the road while adhering to all traffic regulations, thereby ensuring safe arrival at their destinations.

STOP MEANS STOP!

For Further Information please contact
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As we see a rise in these cases across the area and the country, we would like to share this important

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.

FBI Public Service Announcement and make the community aware.

Vienna Police Department



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Questions regarding this PSA should be directed to your local **FBI Field Office**.

Local Field Office Locations: www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices

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

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

VIOLENT ONLINE GROUPS

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

TARGETING

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

EXTORTION AND SELF-HARM

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

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

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

- Monitor children's online activity and discuss risks associated with sharing personal content.
- Use discretion when posting images, videos, and personal content online, particularly those that include children or their information.
 - Images, videos, or personal information posted online can be captured, manipulated, and distributed by malicious actors without your knowledge or consent.

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

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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

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

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children provides a free service known as **Take It Down**, which helps minor victims, even if they are now an adult, but were victimized as a minor, with online image or video files, remove or stop the online sharing of nude, or sexually explicit content taken while under 18 years old. For more information, visit https://takeitdown.ncmec.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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



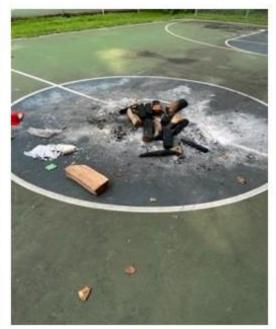
Vienna Police Department INFORMATION BULLETIN

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

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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/.

