

VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

June 28, 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 June 21, 2024 to June 27, 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 24-007084 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE June 21 7:29 p.m.

An officer was checking on the welfare of a man he observed in the shopping center. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, he detected signs of intoxication. Due to the level of the man's intoxication, a unit from the Fairfax County Detoxification Center responded to the scene, medically assessed the man, and transported him to their center for treatment. The 41-year-old man with no fixed address was released on a summons charging Drunk In Public.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 24-007099 Vienna Elementary School 128 Center Street, South June 21 10:55 p.m.

An officer observed a man exit a ride-share vehicle, stumble onto the school property, and begin urinating in public. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, they detected signs of intoxication and placed him under arrest.

PFC Rodriguez transported the 24-year-old man from De Blanc Place in Manassas, Virginia to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public and Indecent Exposure.

Building Check 24-007102 200 Block Elmar Drive, SE June 21 11:47 p.m.

A resident requested officers check her house after hearing suspicious noises from her basement. The officers searched the home and found nothing suspicious.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 24-7127 Starbucks 362 Maple Avenue, East June 22 12:03 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a suspicious person in Starbucks. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, they detected signs of intoxication.

PFC Reed arrested the 41-year-old man from Little River Turnpike in Annandale, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public.

Grand Larceny 24-007175

700 Block Meadow Lane, SW

Between June 22 at 5:00 p.m. and June 23 at 12:45 p.m.

A resident reported someone rummaged through his vehicle, stole his credit card, and made several unauthorized purchases using the stolen card.

Suspicious Event 24-007249

700 Block MacArthur Avenue, NE

Between June 22 at 10:51 p.m. and June 23 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported an acquaintance had sent her verbally aggressive text messages.

Grand Larceny 24-007171

500 Block Adelman Circle, SW

Between June 22 at 11:00 p.m. and June 23 at 5:30 p.m.

A resident reported someone rummaged through his three vehicles and stole U.S. currency, a credit card, and a driver's license.

Vehicle Tampering 24-007172

500 Block Stephen Circle, SW

June 23 between 12:00 a.m. and 1:20 a.m.

A resident reported someone rummaged through his two locked vehicles. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Assist EMS 24-007165

200 Block Locust Street, SE

June 23 5:30 a.m.

Officers responded to assist rescue personnel with a man who was acting combative while they were trying to treat him during a medical emergency. An officer accompanied rescue personnel as they transported the man to an area hospital for further treatment.

Animal Case - Quarantine 24-007187

300 Block Locust Street, SE

June 23 7:17 p.m.

A resident reported his dog broke through their storm door and bit a pedestrian, leaving several bite marks. The pedestrian was transported by rescue personnel to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The dog was placed in quarantine until ACO Barker could speak to the owner.

On June 24, ACO Barker followed up with the dog's owner who agreed to surrender the dog to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter to be euthanized and tested for rabies, as this was the second incident involving the dog.

Civil Dispute 24-007189 300 Block Lawyers Road, NW June 23 7:33 p.m.

Officers responded to a civil dispute between a tenant and landlord. Officers found no crime was committed.

Arrest – Alcohol Violation 24-007199 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE June 23 10:38 p.m.

An officer observed three men consuming alcohol in the parking lot. PFC Rodriguez issued a summons to each of the men charging Drinking Alcohol in Public. The 40-year-old man from Cedar Lane, SE in Vienna, the 46-year-old man from Cedar Lane, SE in Vienna, and the 26-year-old man from Norwalk Street in Falls Church, Virginia were all released on their signatures.

Assault 24-007226 300 Block Orchard Street, NW June 24 9:30 a.m.

A man reported that another man assaulted him during an argument over parking. The man was advised of the warrant process if he decided to pursue charges.

Vehicle Tampering 24-007256 100 Block Tapawingo Road, SW June 24 4:06 p.m.

A resident reported someone broke the back window of her vehicle while it was legally parked on the roadway.

Police Service 24-007320 100 Block Melody Lane, SE June 25 3:52 p.m.

A resident turned in a firearm for destruction.

Police Service 24-007333 300 Block Johnson Street, SW June 25 9:59 p.m.

Officers checked on the welfare of a resident after he called 911 and made concerning statements. The resident did not require any assistance and a family member stated they would follow up with his medical care provider.

Vandalism 24-007365 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

June 26 1:13 p.m.

A resident reported damage to a tire on his vehicle that he believed resulted from vandalism. The officer determined the damage may have been caused accidentally while the vehicle was being driven.

CASE UPDATES

None

CRASHES

100 Block Casmar Street, SE 24-006885 June 18 10:08 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on the road. Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2 and left the scene without providing their information.

Nutley Street and Tapawingo Road, SW 24-007009 June 20 7:30 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling in the right northbound lane of Nutley Street approaching the intersection of Tapawingo Road where it stopped behind another vehicle for a pedestrian crossing the road. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

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

Maple Avenue and Park Street, SE 24-007062 June 21 11:17 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped for the red light on eastbound Maple Avenue at Park Street. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2 causing minor damage to Vehicle-2.

Maple Avenue and Lawyers Road, NW 24-007078 June 21 4:20 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was eastbound on Maple Avenue in the left turn lane at Lawyers Road. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

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

Maple Avenue and Lawyers Road, NW 24-007083 June 21 6:15 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling on Courthouse Road, crossing Maple Avenue to continue straight onto Lawyers Road. Vehicle-2 stopped for a pedestrian in the crosswalk. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

300 Block Maple Avenue, West 24-007122

June 22 9:26 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Maple Avenue in the left lane. Vehicle-1 was turning left from the parking lot of 324 Maple Avenue when the two vehicles collided. Driver-2 complained of a minor injury but was not transported.

Maple Avenue and Branch Road, SE 24-007125 June 22 9:40 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was westbound on Maple Avenue and stopped for the red traffic light at Branch Road. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2 causing minor damage. Vehicle-1 left the area without stopping. An officer later located Driver-1 at his residence where he provided his information. Driver-2 did not wish to pursue charges for the other driver.

300 Block Maple Avenue, East 24-007174 June 23 11:35 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue in the right lane. Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound in the center lane, attempting to turn left into the parking lot of 315 Maple Avenue when the two vehicles collided. Two juvenile passengers in Vehicle-2 suffered minor injuries and were evaluated by rescue personnel, but were not transported to a medical facility.

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

Church Street and Beulah Road, NE 24-007228 June 24 8:10 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Church Street, crossing over Beulah Road. Vehicle-1 was eastbound on Church Street, turning left onto northbound Beulah when the two vehicles collided. Vehicle-1 fled the area without stopping to provide their information.

300 Block Locust Street, SE 24-007238 June 24 11:36 a.m.

Vehicle-2, a Town of Vienna Animal Control Vehicle, was legally parked on Locust Street. Vehicle-1 sideswiped Vehicle-2, causing damage to the side mirror.

100 Block Park Street, SE 24-007294 June 25 9:22 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was pulling into a parking space in front of 137 Park Street, SE when the driver accelerated, jumped the curb, and struck the support beam of a pole.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Reckless Driving.

Mill Street and Maple Avenue, NE 24-007359 June 26 12:08 p.m.

Vehicle-2 (a Town of Vienna trash truck) was on Mill Street at the stop sign for Maple Avenue, attempting to turn right. Vehicle-1 was behind Vehicle-2. Driver-1 believed Vehicle-2 was turning left and moved into his blind spot to turn right onto Maple when the collision occurred.

1100 Block Maple Avenue, East 24-007385 June 26 10:40 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 struck the rear of Vehicle-2 causing minor damage to both vehicles.

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

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.

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



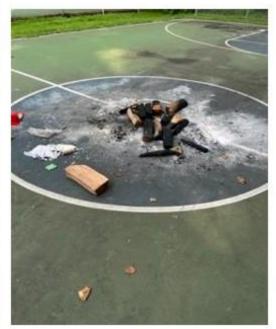
Vienna Police Department INFORMATION BULLETIN

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/.

