

VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

July 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 June 28, 2024 to July 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 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

Domestic Assault 24-007514 Kingsley Road, SW June 24 6:00 p.m.

On June 28, a resident reported that her husband assaulted her earlier in the week. The resident did not wish to pursue charges.

Police Service 24-7394
100 Block Patrick Street, SE
Between June 26 at 10:30 p.m. and June 27 at 6:00 a.m.
A tree branch fell and struck a parked vehicle causing damage.

Grand Larceny 24-007491 Navy Federal Credit Union 820 Follin Lane, SE June 27 between 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

A citizen reported that someone entered his vehicle while it was parked in the credit union lot and stole several credit and debit cards from his and his wife's wallets. The individual attempted to use some of the cards to make unauthorized purchases but was unsuccessful.

Arrest – Drunk In Public, Assault on Police Officer, Warrant Service 24-007518 Hawk & Griffin 435 Maple Avenue, West June 28 9:28 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of an intoxicated man threatening customers at Hawk and Griffin. Upon the officers' arrival, the man had already left the premises but was located nearby.

Ofc. Fitchue arrested the 40-year-old man with no fixed address. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public, Providing False Identification to a Police Officer, Assault on a Police Officer, and an outstanding warrant from another jurisdiction was served on him. The man was held without bond.

Arrest – Assault 24-007519 Carnegie Diner 501 Maple Avenue, West June 28 9:45 p.m.

An employee reported a woman entered the diner through the rear door and began acting disorderly. The woman assaulted three employees while using racial slurs towards them.

PFC Stroh arrested the 41-year-old woman from Orchard Street, NW in Vienna. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with one count of Simple Assault and two counts of Simple Assault With Bias. The woman was held without bond. The woman was trespassed from the diner and was advised she would be arrested if she returned to the premises.

Police Service 24-007558 300 Block Lawyers Road, NW June 29 8:43 p.m.

An officer served an Emergency Protective Order on a resident that was obtained by her tenant.

Arrest - Assault 24-007583 300 Block Lawyers Road, NW June 29 11:54 p.m.

The tenant reported her landlord, who was served with an Emergency Protective Order earlier in the night (*Reference 24-007558*), came into her area of the home and began harassing her. The tenant assaulted the landlord, causing injury to her face and head. Rescue personnel responded to treat the injuries but the woman became combative with the officers and rescue personnel. The landlord was transported to an area hospital by rescue personnel with an officer escorting them, as she continued to act aggressively.

PFC Stroh arrested the tenant, a 61-year-old woman, and transported her to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Malicious Wounding.

Warrants were obtained for the landlord and were served the following day when she was released from the hospital. PFC Mayar arrested the 65-year-old woman and transported her to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. The landlord was charged with six felony counts of Assault on a Police Officer, Obstruction of Justice, and Violation of an Emergency Protective Order.

Police Service 24-007572 Yeonas Drive, SW June 30 6:09 a.m.

A resident passed away while they were out of state. An officer responded to their home to notify their family of the death. The police chaplain responded to assist with the notification.

Trespassing 24-007579 Wawa 465 Maple Avenue, West June 30 1:53 p.m.

An employee reported a woman who was harassing customers and refusing to leave the store. Officers spoke to the woman and, at the request of the management, trespassed her from the premises.

Juvenile 24-007587 300 Block Park Street, NE June 30 11:32 p.m.

A resident reported juvenile boys pounded on their door, and then fled the area in a vehicle. They returned to her home a short time later and pounded on the door again, tried the handle, and fled the area. The resident provided a tag number for their vehicle. The vehicle belonged to a resident on Patrick Street, SW. An officer responded to the home and spoke to one of the juveniles involved and his parent regarding the incident.

Vandalism 24-007606 306 Maple Avenue, West July 1 between 12:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

An employee reported that someone smashed her vehicle's rear window while it was parked in the parking lot. Nothing appeared to have been taken from the vehicle.

Suspicious Event 24-7607 and 24-7608 100 Block Melody Lane, SW July 1 3:38 p.m.

Residents at two houses reported a man on their rear decks, pulling on their doors and attempting to enter the houses. Officers searched the area for the man but did not immediately locate him. (*Reference Incident 24-7609*).

Drunk In Public 24-007609 700 Block Plum Street, SW July 1 4:41 p.m.

Officers responded to an additional complaint in the 800 block of Cottage Street, SW regarding the man from the previous incidents who was approaching houses. They located the man in the 700 block of Plum Street, SW where a resident was requesting the man leave their property. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, they detected signs of both alcohol and narcotic impairment. Rescue personnel responded to assess the man when he began complaining of pain. Due to the level of intoxication, the man was transported to an area hospital for evaluation and treatment.

Found Property 24-007620 Vienna Police Station 215 Center Street, South July 2 3:45 a.m.

An officer found a cell phone in the parking lot of the police station.

Vandalism 24-007622 Orange Theory 127 Maple Avenue, West July 2 between 5:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

A citizen reported someone broke her vehicle's front passenger window. Nothing appeared to have been taken from the vehicle.

Police Service 24-007643 300 Block Talahi Road, SE July 2 12:54 p.m.

A resident turned in ammunition for destruction.

CASE UPDATES

None

CRASHES

Maple Avenue and Pleasant Street, SW 24-007255 June 24 3:15 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was traveling northbound on Pleasant Street, SW, entering Maple Avenue when the two vehicles collided. Both drivers were transported by rescue personnel to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

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

200 Block Maple Avenue, West 24-007483 June 24 3:15 p.m.

A towing company was towing two vehicles involved in an accident (*Reference Crash # 24-007255*). Vehicle-1 rolled backwards and struck a utility pole.

Maple Avenue and Nutley Street, SW 24-007509 June 28 5:39 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was eastbound on Maple. Vehicle-1 was westbound on Maple Avenue in the left turn lane for Nutley Street, SW. The two vehicles collided in the intersection.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Yield Right of Way.

100 Block Tapawingo Road, SE 24-007538 June 29 12:15 p.m.

Vehicle-2 and Vehicle-3 were legally parked on westbound Tapawingo Road. Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound, struck the rear corner of Vehicle-2, and pushed it forward into Vehicle-3.

200 Block Maple Avenue, East 24-007647 July 2 2:25 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2. Rescue personnel transported Driver-2 to an area hospital with a non-life-threatening injury.

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

CITIZEN NOTES



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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.



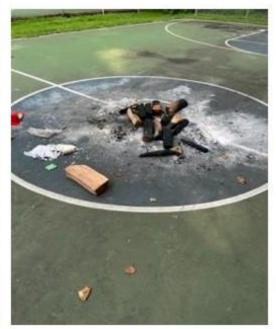
Vienna Police Department INFORMATION BULLETIN

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/.

