

# VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

August 30, 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 August 23, 2024 to August 29, 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 <a href="https://data.virginia.gov/stories/s/rden-cz3h">https://data.virginia.gov/stories/s/rden-cz3h</a>. 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 24-009751

300 Block Park Street, NE

Between August 14 5:00 p.m. and August 16 at 5:00 p.m.

A resident reported someone made several unauthorized charges to her credit card.

Animal Case – Quarantine 24-009535 1100 Block Lakewood Drive, SW

August 17 7:00 p.m.

On August 23, the Health Department reported a juvenile was bitten by a dog on August 17. The juvenile's parent advised they were visiting a resident when their dog bit her son. The dog's owner was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

**Juvenile Case 24-009497** 

Park Street, SE

August 21 1:06 p.m.

A school bus driver reported concerns regarding a student on his bus route. An officer spoke to the student's parents regarding the concerns for their daughter's wellbeing.

Civil Case 24-009501

1400 Block DeSale Street, SW

August 22 1:10 p.m.

An officer responded to a civil dispute between a resident and an HVAC contractor.

Juvenile Case 24-009502 Cedar Lane School 101 Cedar Lane, SW August 22 1:32 p.m.

A student went to an area hospital with her parent after being assaulted in school by another juvenile. The student was treated for minor injuries. This case is under investigation.

Suspicious Event 24-009515 500 Block Windover Avenue, NW

August 22 7:37 p.m.

A resident reported water spots on his ceiling that he believed resulted from someone damaging his roof.

#### Arrest – Drunk In Public 24-009560

7-11

8616 Park Street

August 24 12:33 a.m.

Officers checked on the welfare of a man they observed lying down outside of the store. Upon their interaction with the man, they detected signs of intoxication.

Ofc. Fitchue arrested the 45-year-old man from Cedar Lane, SE in Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public.

**Arrest - Petit Larceny 24-009586** 

Walgreen's

225 Maple Avenue, East

August 24 2:47 p.m.

An employee reported a man entered the store, took merchandise, and left the store without paying for it.

An officer located the man with the merchandise in the 100 Block Maple Avenue, West. PFC Carne arrested the 32-year-old man with no fixed address and transported him to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Petit Larceny.

Vandalism 24-009597

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

August 25 between 1:00 a.m. and 3:30 a.m.

A resident reported someone damaged the rear windshield of her vehicle.

Police Service 24-009682

Roland Street and Liberty Lane, SW

August 27 8:50 a.m.

A citizen observed an elderly female in the roadway who was lost and confused. An officer checking the area located a resident who recognized the woman as a neighbor. The resident notified the woman's family and took care of her until the family arrived home.

Grand Larceny 24-009699

Cava

418 Maple Avenue, East

August 27 2:45 P.M.

An employee reported her credit cards and U.S. currency were stolen. The restaurant's security video showed a man enter a side door, grab her purse, and take it into the bathroom. After stealing the items he left the purse in the bathroom. The employee's bank reported one of the cards was used to make a purchase in Washington, DC.

Forgery 24-009701

200 Block Park Terrace Court, SE

August 27 3:49 p.m.

A resident reported a tenant forged his signature on a reimbursement check.

**Animal Case 24-009708** 

**Nutley Street and Courthouse Road, SW** 

August 27 5:30 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of an injured deer. The officer found the animal was in grave condition and euthanized the animal.

**Domestic Dispute 24-009736** 

Meadow Lane, SW

August 28 3:42 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a resident violating a protective order. After speaking to both parties and reviewing the order, the officers determined there was no violation.

Police Service 24-009737

1000 Block Moorefield Creek Road, SW

August 28 3:46 p.m.

A resident brought in a firearm for destruction.

Vehicle Tampering 24-009762

1400 Block Cottage Street, SW

Between August 28 8:00 p.m. and August 29 at 10:00 a.m.

A resident reported someone rummaged through his unlocked vehicle that was parked in his driveway. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Stolen Vehicle 24-009748

1200 Block Ross Drive, SW

Between August 28 9:00 p.m. and August 29 6:30 a.m.

A resident reported his vehicle was stolen after he left it legally parked and locked on the road in front of his home. The vehicle was recovered by Fairfax County Police later that morning.

Vehicle Tampering 24-009771

300 Block George Street, SW

Between August 28 at 10:00 p.m. and August 29 at 7:00 a.m.

A resident reported someone rummaged through his vehicle. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Found Property 24-009742 Vienna Police Station 215 Center Street, South August 28 10:10 p.m.

A citizen turned in a found credit card.

Vehicle Tampering 24-009749 100 Block Patrick Street, SE

Between August 28 at 10:20 p.m. and August 29 at 7:20 a.m.

A resident reported someone rummaged through their locked vehicle and stole a rescue hammer.

Natural Death 24-009743 Glyndon Street, NE August 29 12:10 a.m.

Officers responded with rescue personnel for the report of a resident who was unresponsive in his home. Rescue personnel determined the man, who suffered from a terminal illness, was deceased.

Stolen Vehicle Recovery 24-009753 100 Block Patrick Street, SE September 29 8:06 a.m.

An officer was alerted to a suspicious vehicle parked in the area and found the vehicle had been stolen in Arlington County. The vehicle was recovered, Arlington County Police were notified, and the owner responded to retrieve his vehicle.

# Arrest – Drunk In Public and Assault on a Police Officer 24-009787 and 24-009791 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

August 29 11:18 p.m.

An officer observed four men drinking alcohol near a vehicle. The owner of the vehicle immediately left and went into his apartment. Two other men complied with the officer while the fourth refused to cooperate.

Ofc. Fitchue arrested the 18-year-old man from Cedar Lane, SE in Vienna. As she was taking him into custody, the man assaulted her. The man was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Felony Assault on a Police Officer, Obstruction of Justice, Drunk in Public, and Drinking Alcohol in Public. During the arrest, the other two men fled back to their apartment.

# **CASE UPDATES**

None

# **CRASHES**

## 100 Block Maple Avenue, East 24-009294

### August 15 2:45 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue, East. Vehicle-1 exited the parking lot of 175 Maple Avenue, East, and collided with Vehicle-2.

# Ayr Hill Avenue and Glyndon Street, NE 24-009464

# August 21 9:01 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was westbound on Ayr Hill Avenue, made a left onto Glydon Street, and struck a tree stump.

# Maple Avenue and Park Street, SE 24-009470

# August 21 3:05 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was westbound on Maple Avenue at Park Street. Vehicle-1 was in the left turn lane when they attempted to change lanes and struck Vehicle-2.

Driver-1 was issued two summonses charging Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention and Driving Outside of the Provisions of a Lerner's Permit.

# **377 Maple Avenue, West 24-009480**

# August 21 9:08 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in the parking lot. Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2 and then fled the scene without providing their information.

# Nutley Street and Kingsley Road, SW 24-009494

# August 22 7:43 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Nutley Street in the left lane. Vehicle-1 was westbound on Kingsley Road, attempted to turn left onto Nutley Street, and collided with Vehicle-2.

#### 224 Maple Avenue, East 24-009511

#### August 22 4:22 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Maple Avenue and attempted to change lanes when the vehicle malfunctioned and ran into a ditch on the sidewalk in front of 224 Maple Avenue.

# Lawyers Road and Tazewell Road, NW 24-009685

#### August 27 10:15 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was on Tazewell Road attempting to turn left onto Lawyers Road. Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Lawyers Road when the two vehicles collided.

# Park Street near Dominion Road, SE 24-009702 August 27 3:50 p.m.

Two vehicles were northbound on Park Street, SE. Vehicle-2 slowed for the crosswalk. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Following Too Closely.

# 145 Church Street, NW 24-009767

# August 28 1:32 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in the parking lot. Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2 and then fled the scene without providing their information.

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

# **CITIZEN NOTES**



**September 12, 2023** 

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 <a href="https://takeitdown.ncmec.org">https://takeitdown.ncmec.org</a>.

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 www.cybertipline.org)

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.



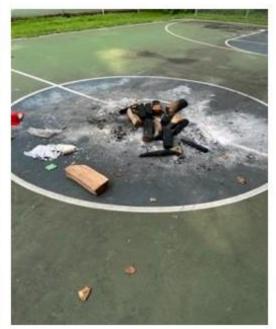
# Vienna Police Department INFORMATION BULLETIN

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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, <a href="mailto:patrick.crandall@viennava.gov">patrick.crandall@viennava.gov</a> or Det. Bradley Reedy, <a href="mailto:bradley.reedy@viennava.gov">bradley.reedy@viennava.gov</a> (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

August 22, 2023



### **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 <a href="https://www.emergencyprofile.org/">https://www.emergencyprofile.org/</a>.

