



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

November 22, 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 November 15, 2024 to November 21, 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

INCIDENTS

Petit Larceny 24-012419

VA ABC Store

419 Maple Avenue, East

November 11 7:07 p.m.

On November 12, an employee reported a theft that occurred the previous evening. While reviewing the store's security video, they observed a male teenager place alcohol in his backpack and leave the store without paying for it.

Lost Property 24-012502

200 Block Moore Avenue, SE

Between November 14 at 9:00 a.m. and November 15 at 10:50 a.m.

An employee with UtiliQuest reported he lost his radio detection transmitter while servicing utilities at homes in the area.

Domestic Assault 24-012474

Kingsley Road, SW

November 14 5:55 p.m.

A dispute between a resident and her estranged husband escalated when she claimed he took her phone and assaulted her when she tried to get the phone back. The resident showed no sign of injury. The man had already left the residence to pick up his child. The resident was advised of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges. The man later spoke to an officer, explaining that a scuffle occurred when he found the resident was recording their conversation without his consent. He took the phone to delete the recording. The man had some visible marks on his hand from the scuffle. He was also advised of the warrant process.

Suspicious Event 24-012490

500 Block Walker Street, SW

November 15 2:03 a.m.

A resident was following a secondary profile of a social media influencer. She began communicating with the person before she realized it was a fake profile.

Police Service 24-012500

1000 Block Aponi Road, SE

November 15 9:59 a.m.

A citizen turned in ammunition for destruction.

Business Alarm 24-012514

MyEyeDr.

401 Maple Avenue, West

November 15 6:09 p.m.

Officers responding to an alarm at a business found an unsecured door. The officers searched the business and found nothing suspicious. An employee responded to secure the building.

Animal Case 24-012548

Vienna Dog Park

700 Courthouse Road, SW

November 16 4:30 p.m.

A citizen suffered an injury to his hand after he was bitten by a dog at the dog park. The owner of the dog refused to provide their information and left the park with their dog. The citizen provided the officer with the man's license plate. ACO Barker will follow up with the owner of the vehicle to identify the dog and quarantine it.

Vehicle Tampering 24-012553

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department

400 Center Street, South

November 16 between 8:00 p.m. and 9:46 p.m.

A security guard working an event at the fire department's banquet hall reported someone slashed a tire on his vehicle during the event.

Petit Larceny 24-012572

VA ABC Store

419 Maple Avenue, East

November 17 3:31 p.m.

An employee reported two women came into the store, placed alcohol in their bags, and left the store without paying for the alcohol.

Shoplifting 24-012576

CVS

337 Maple Avenue, East

November 17 8:19 p.m.

An employee reported a man entered the store, took three heart rate monitors, and left the store without paying for them.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 24-012577

Maple Avenue and Branch Road, SE

November 17 8:43 p.m.

Officers looking for the man involved in the Shoplifting (*Incident #24-012576*) stopped to talk to a man at the bus stop. The man attempted to avoid the officers and ran through traffic on Maple Avenue. They located the man in the parking lot of 320 Maple Avenue, East. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, they detected signs of intoxication.

Ofc. Ludwick arrested the 41-year-old man from 7600 Little River Turnpike in Annandale, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public.

Animal Case – Quarantine 24-012620

Hope Advanced Veterinary Center

140 Park Street, SE

November 19 7:00 a.m.

ACO Barker transported a dog that had been euthanized to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter for rabies testing.

Police Service 24-012633

500 Block Ridge Road, SW

November 19 1:19 p.m.

A resident turned in ammunition for destruction.

Assist Fire Department 24-12659

900 Block Desale Street, SW

November 20 7:10 a.m.

Officers responded to assist the fire department with a vehicle that was on fire in the driveway of a residence. Damage was done to the vehicle, a fence, and a shed. No injuries were reported. The Fairfax County Fire Marshall's Office will follow up on this case.

Animal Case 24-12660

Hope Advanced Veterinary Center

140 Park Street, SE

November 20 7:00 a.m.

ACO Barker transported a dog that had been euthanized to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter for rabies testing.

Suspicious Person 24-012665

100 Block Wilmar Place, NW

November 20 12:26 a.m.

A resident reported his security camera showed a man leaving his backyard in the middle of the night. Nothing was damaged in the backyard. The resident believes this is the same individual he has seen on several occasions on his cameras where he has left arrows in the area.

Police Service 24-012667

900 Block Symphony Circle, SW

November 20 9:27 a.m.

A resident turned in a firearm and its accessories.

Police Service 24-012674

100 Block Casmar Street, SE

November 20 2:18 p.m.

A resident turned in a firearm and ammunition for destruction.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 24-12679

Cedar Lane School

101 Cedar Lane, SW

November 20 11:41 a.m.

Officers responded with rescue personnel and Fairfax County Police to the report of a domestic disturbance between a parent and their adult child who is a student at the school. The student was acting erratically and had punched the windshield of her mother's vehicle, breaking it and causing minor injury to her hand. The student left the school property and began walking across Cedar Lane. Fairfax County officers transported the student to a medical facility for evaluation and treatment.

Petit Larceny 24-012686

Giant Food

359 Maple Avenue, East

November 20 3:30 p.m.

An employee reported a man entered the store, concealed a box of wine, and left the store without paying for it.

CASE UPDATES

None.

CRASHES

Church Street and Park Street, SE 24-012417

November 12 5:22 p.m.

Two vehicles were northbound on Park Street. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

Lawyers Road and Church Street, NW 24-012513

November 15 5:33 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Lawyers Road. Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Church Street, attempted to cross the intersection, and collided with Vehicle-2.

Park Street and Casmar Street, SE 24-012546

November 14 3:10 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Park Street. Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Casmar Street, entered the intersection, and struck Vehicle-2.

Lawyers Road and Holmes Court, NW 24-012609

November 18 7:37 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was northbound on Lawyers Road when the high beams from an oncoming vehicle obscured his vision, causing him to drift from the roadway onto the curb and strike a road sign.

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

CITIZEN NOTES

The Vienna Police Department is proud to once again participate with the Fairfax County Police and other local police agencies in the Santa's Ride, bringing gifts to children in local hospitals this holiday season. Please contact Ruth Rohr if you have any questions at 703-255-6324.

Please drop off your new unwrapped toys and books at the Vienna Police Station – 215 Center St., S, the Vienna Town Hall – 127 Center St., S (Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.), or the Vienna Community Center – 120 Cherry St., SE. **Please make your donation before 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 8.**

****If you would prefer not to drop your donations off in person, you can do your online shopping and have your donation shipped directly to the Vienna Police Station.****

Santa's Ride 2024

Presented by the
Fairfax County Police Department Motor Squad with the support of:

Fairfax County Sheriff's Office
Falls Church Sheriff's Office
Vienna Police Department
Virginia State Police
Fairfax City Police Department
Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority Police
Herndon Police Department

Donate NEW unwrapped toys, games, books, and gifts to be distributed to children at Fairfax Inova Children's Hospital, Inova Life with Cancer, and to other children in the community who might not otherwise have a cheerful holiday season!

Don't have a toy with you today?
Follow the QR code to donate:

Please bring your items to any Fairfax County Police Station, the lobby of Pennino and Herry Office Buildings, or the Fairfax County Government Center no later than Monday, December 9th at 9AM.

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Public Service Announcement

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



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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 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.

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.



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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/>.

