



# VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

December 6, 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 28, 2024 to December 5, 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](mailto: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 24-012993**

**100 Block Liberty Lane, SW**

**November 18 8:00 a.m.**

On November 29, a resident reported three coins were stolen from her from her coin collection.

### **Lost Property 24-013063**

**Vienna Police Station**

**215 Center Street, South**

**Between November 27 at 7:00 a.m. and November 28 at 7:00 a.m.**

A resident reported he lost his cell phone, US Work Authorization card, and debit card while walking around the town.

### **Suspicious Event 24-013034**

**Rustic Love Hearts and Home Murals**

**208 Dominion Road, NE**

**Between November 27 at 12:00 p.m. and December 1 at 5:00 p.m.**

An employee reported someone filling their rented dumpster with trash.

### **Shoplifting 24-012992**

**VA ABC Store**

**419 Maple Avenue, East**

**November 27 8:30 p.m.**

On November 29, an employee reviewing the security videos observed three men enter the store and steal six bottles of alcohol.

### **Suspicious Event 24-013074**

**100 Block Ayr Hill Avenue, NW**

**Between November 28 at 12:00 a.m. and December 2 at 12:00 a.m.**

A resident found an arrow in his backyard, similar to other recent cases he has reported.

### **Animal Case – Quarantine 24-013123**

**Hope Advanced Veterinary Center**

**140 Park Street, SE**

**November 28 12:00 P.M.**

On December 4, the Health Department reported a technician was bitten by a dog during a procedure on November 28. The dog had already been released from the vet to their owner in Arlington, Virginia. ACO Barker provided the Health Department with the owner's information to follow up on the quarantine.

**Lost Property 24-013065**

**500 Block Orchard Street, NW**

**Between November 28 at 12:46 p.m. and December 2 at 12:46 p.m.**

A resident reported they lost a license plate from their vehicle.

**Suspicious Event 24-013010**

**600 Block Frederick Street, SW**

**November 29 11:55 a.m.**

A resident reported a suspicious correspondence they received.

**Petit Larceny 24-013020**

**165 Maple Avenue, East**

**November 29 12:00 p.m.**

A banner was stolen from one of the businesses in the building.

**Police Service 24-012994**

**400 Block Upham Place, NW**

**November 29 4:53 p.m.**

A Loudoun County resident requested assistance in locating her mother and her young child. The resident advised her mother suffered from a medical condition, which leaves her confused. Her mother had left her home in Loudoun with her child in her vehicle. The resident had tracked the vehicle to the area of Upham Place. An officer located the vehicle parked with the child safe inside. The driver had left the vehicle and child unattended. The driver's husband arrived quickly and assisted in locating his wife. The Loudoun resident also responded and confirmed that both parties were in good health, and no medical assistance was necessary.

**Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 24-013000**

**300 Block Maple Avenue, East**

**November 30 1:44 a.m.**

An officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed and initiated a traffic stop. While the officer was issuing a summons charging Reckless Driving, he detected signs of impairment. The driver attempted to avoid arrest and was immediately detained by the officers.

Ofc. Ludwick transported the 32-year-old woman from Fleetwood Road in McLean, Virginia to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where she refused to provide a sample of her breath for analysis. In addition to Reckless Driving, the woman was charged with Driving While Intoxicated, two counts of Obstruction of Justice, and Refusal to Provide a Sample of their Breath for Analysis.

**Open Door 24-013002**  
**527 Maple Avenue, East**  
**November 30 3:04 a.m.**

Officers responding to a report of an alarm at the building found an unsecured door. The officers searched the building, found nothing suspicious, and secured the door.

**Arrest – Trespassing 24-013009**  
**Dollar Tree**  
**215 Maple Avenue, West**  
**November 30 11:40 a.m.**

A district manager requested assistance in trespassing a former employee from the store. The former employee was advised of the trespass notice, but he refused to leave the premises. As the officer was placing the man under arrest, he began to resist.

PFC Mayar arrested the 50-year-old man from Rowan Tree Drive, Fairfax, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Trespassing and Obstruction of Justice.

**Arrest – Drunk In Public 24-013024**  
**300 Block Center Street, North**  
**November 30 9:00 p.m.**

Officers responded to the report of a man banging and screaming on a door where one of his relatives resides. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, they detected signs of intoxication.

Ofc. Ludwick arrested the 33-year-old man from Center Street, North in Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public.

**Arrest – Driving on Suspended License 24-013029**  
**Maple Avenue and Branch Road, SE**  
**December 1 4:03 a.m.**

An officer observed the woman who was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated (*Incident number 24-013000*) in a parking lot at 328 Maple Avenue, East where her vehicle was left parked when she was arrested. The woman's driver's license privilege was suspended when she was charged with Driving While Intoxicated. The officer initiated a traffic stop when the woman began to drive away in the vehicle.

Ofc. Ludwick arrested the 32-year-old woman from Fleetwood Road in McLean, Virginia. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Driving on a Suspended License, Driving While Intoxicated Related.

**Temporary Detention Order 24-013030****Glyndon Street, SE****December 1 4:27 a.m.**

Officers responded to the report of a resident suffering a mental health crisis. Upon their arrival they observed the resident was getting ready to harm himself. For his well-being, the resident was taken into custody and transported to a medical facility for evaluation and treatment.

**Domestic Dispute 24-013033****Courthouse Circle, SW****December 1 12:50 p.m.**

Officers responded to the report of a verbal dispute between a resident and her mother.

**Arrested – Burglary 24-013049****309 Maple Avenue, West****December 2 5:24 a.m.**

The owner of the unoccupied commercial space was checking on the building when he observed signs that someone was in the building. He immediately left and called for police assistance. While searching the interior, the officer observed some damage that had been done throughout several areas. A man was located in one of the offices and taken into custody.

PFC Stroh 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 Burglary, Grand Larceny, and Destruction of Property.

**Natural Death 24-013052****Sunrise Assisted Living****374 Maple Avenue, West****December 2 8:09 a.m.**

Officers responded with rescue personnel for the report of an elderly resident who was unresponsive. Rescue personnel determined the man was deceased.

**Reckless Driving 24-013072****Tapawingo Road and Park Street, SE****December 2 3:25 p.m.**

A resident advised she accidentally cut off a driver at the roundabout on Park Street and Locust Street. The driver followed the resident down Park Street, crossed over the double yellow line to pass her, then exited her vehicle at the stop sign at Tapawingo and Park to confront the resident by banging on her window and yelling at her. As the resident called for police assistance, the driver left the area.

**Arrest – Driving on Revoked License 24-013080**

**1400 Block Ross Drive, SW**

**December 2 9:46 p.m.**

An officer observed a woman driving a vehicle with a revoked driver's license. The officer conducted a traffic stop, verified the status of the license, and placed the woman under arrest.

PFC Rodriguez transported the 32-year-old woman from Ross Drive, SW to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Driving on a Revoked License, Driving While Intoxicated Related.

**Fraud 24-013109**

**1000 Block Tapawingo Road, SW**

**December 3 7:05 p.m.**

A resident reported someone forged and passed a fraudulent check using his bank account. The bank had also noted other suspicious activity on the account.

**Natural Death 24-013113**

**900 Block Ninovan Road, SE**

**December 3 8:32 p.m.**

Officers responded with rescue personnel for the report of an unresponsive elderly resident. Rescue personnel determined the resident was deceased.

**Suspicious Event 24-013136**

**200 Block Cedar Lane, SE**

**December 4 5:41 p.m.**

A resident reported a man was banging on his door. When officers arrived, they located a man who was an employee of the resident who denied causing the disturbance. The man left the area without incident. The resident further advised that he has permitted his employee's wife to reside at his apartment since they separated. No crime occurred; however, the wife was advised of the process to obtain a protective order against her husband.

**Suspicious Vehicle 24-013148**

**Lotus Garden**

**224 Maple Avenue, West**

**December 5 2:54 a.m.**

An officer observed an unoccupied vehicle that was left running in the parking lot. While attempting to locate the driver, the officer found an unsecured door to the restaurant. The driver was located inside the business and was determined to be an employee there. The man secured the restaurant and left the area.

**Open Door 24-13152****400 John Marshall Drive, NE****December 5 7:29 a.m.**

Officers responded to a report of an open door at a vacant house under construction. No contractors were working on the home. The officers searched the house and found nothing suspicious.

**Natural Death 24-013173****700 Block Hunter Court, SW****December 5 9:09 p.m.**

Officers conducting a welfare check on a resident found the man, who was suffering from a medical condition, deceased in the home.

**CASE UPDATES**

None.

**CRASHES****120 Maple Avenue, East 24-012937****November 25 6:15 p.m.**

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

**Maple Avenue and Beulah Road, NE 24-012955****November 27 11:54 a.m.**

Vehicle-1 was traveling southbound on Beulah Road entering the intersection of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Maple Avenue when the two vehicles collided causing minor damage to both vehicles.

**Nutley Street and Courthouse Road, SW 24-012970****November 27 9:06 p.m.**

Vehicle-2 was eastbound on Courthouse Road entering the intersection of Nutley Street. Vehicle-1 was northbound on Nutley Street with a red traffic signal, entered the intersection, and struck Vehicle-2.

Driver-1 was issued a citation charging Failure to Obey a Traffic Signal.

**Nutley Street and Windover Avenue, NW 24-013018****November 30 1:00 p.m.**

Vehicle-2 was legally parked facing southbound on Nutley Street. Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2 and left the scene without stopping to provide their information.

**Church Street and Lawyers Road, NW 24-013058**

**December 2 8:09 a.m.**

Two vehicles were traveling westbound on Church Street. Vehicle-1 was a Town of Vienna dump truck. Another dump truck was in the opposite lane and came to a halt. Vehicle-1 attempted to back up and struck Vehicle-2 causing minor damage.

**Maple Avenue, North and Center Street, S 24-013068**

**December 2 2:35 p.m.**

Vehicle-2 was eastbound on Maple Avenue in the right lane. Vehicle-1 was westbound on Maple Avenue attempting to turn left into a parking lot when the two vehicles collided causing minor damage to both vehicles.

**143 Maple Avenue, East 24-013140**

**December 4 12:00 p.m.**

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in a parking lot. Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2 and left the scene without stopping to provide their information.

**Church Street and Center Street, NE 24-013172**

**December 6 6:14 p.m.**

Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Church Street. Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Center Street when the two vehicles collided.

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

**Please contact Ruth Rohr for further information on any of these cases at [Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov](mailto: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 Herrity 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



**September 12, 2023**

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**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](https://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 <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](http://www.ic3.gov)
- FBI Field Office [[www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices](http://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](http://www.cybertipline.org))

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

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<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



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/>.

