



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

December 13, 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 December 6, 2024 to December 12, 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

Hit & Run 24-012980

900 Block Park Street, SE

November 28 8:15 p.m.

A passenger had been driven to the area by a Lyft driver. The passenger exited the vehicle in the southbound lane and was almost across the road when struck by a vehicle traveling in the northbound lane. The driver of the striking vehicle immediately fled the scene without stopping to provide aid to the injured pedestrian. Rescue personnel responded and transported the man to an area hospital with what was initially thought to be life-threatening injuries. At the hospital, the man's condition was upgraded to non-life-threatening although he suffered multiple severe injuries. Within a few days, investigating officers identified the driver and vehicle that fled the scene.

On December 10, Detective Reedy obtained a warrant for the 37-year-old man from Center Street, North in Vienna. On December 11, the man turned himself in for the warrant service at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Detective Reedy served the warrant charging Felony Hit & Run and the man was held on a \$10,000 secured bond.

Suspicious Person 24-013183

Vienna Inn

120 Maple Avenue, East

December 6 8:30 a.m.

An employee reported a man left the establishment without paying his tab and left his backpack in the restaurant. A short time later, an officer located the man in the area. The man explained his situation to the officer and agreed to go back to the restaurant and pay his bill. The man paid and apologized to the employee for the situation and left the restaurant without further incident.

Traffic Complaint 24-013196

Echols Street and Delano Drive, SE

December 6 4:40 p.m.

A resident and a school bus driver reported continuous problems with a driver passing the bus as the students were unloading.

Found Property 24-013221

Park Street and Maple Avenue SE

December 7 2:00 p.m.

A citizen turned in a found wallet.

Lost Property 24-013223

215 Center Street, South

December 7 3:42 p.m.

A resident reported that he lost his wedding ring.

Domestic Dispute 24-013224

Cedar Lane, SE

December 7 5:35 p.m.

Officers responded to a verbal dispute between two residents.

Shoplifting 24-013227

CVS

337 Maple Avenue, East

December 7 7:28 p.m.

An employee reported that a man concealed several bottles of shampoo and conditioner and left the store without paying for them.

Assault 24-013234

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department

400 Center Street, South

December 7 9:45 p.m.

A security guard working an event at the fire department's banquet hall reported that four teens began causing a problem at the event and the host requested the security guards remove them from the premises. Two of the teens got into an altercation with one of the guards. The guard attempted to use his pepper spray which caused the teens to run off. The four teens left the area in a vehicle, driving recklessly. They returned a short time later. Officers located and spoke to two of the individuals, the others had already fled the area. The security guard did not wish to pursue charges, and the individuals were advised to stay away from the premises.

Found Property 24-013300

300 Maple Avenue, West

December 8 12:00 p.m.

On December 10, a citizen turned in a necklace they found in the area on December 8.

Domestic Assault 24-013252

Niblick Drive, SE

December 8 5:23 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a domestic assault. During an argument, a resident became disorderly and assaulted her husband and mother-in-law.

MPO Shaw arrested the 44-year-old woman from Niblick Drive, SE in Vienna. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Domestic Assault and an Emergency Protective Order was issued.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 24-013293

200 Block Berry Street, SE

December 10 12:10 a.m.

Officers responded to the report of a suspicious person playing loud music and acting disorderly. 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, VA. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public.

Open Door 24-013296

Flagship Carwash

540 Maple Avenue, West

December 10 5:05 a.m.

Officers responding to an alarm at the business found an unsecured door. The officers searched the building and found nothing suspicious.

Open Door 24-013310

Le Bistro French Cuisine

111 Church Street, NW, #110

December 10 12:05 p.m.

Officers responding to an alarm found an unsecured door to the restaurant. The officers searched the building and found nothing suspicious.

Found Property 24-013311

Vienna Police Station

215 Center Street, South

December 10 1:18 p.m.

A citizen turned in a found wallet.

Arrest – Fight 24-013315

427 Maple Avenue, East

December 10 3:14 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a fight in the parking lot. The fight ensued after a traffic incident on Maple Avenue. One of the drivers, a woman, pulled into the parking lot. The other driver, a man with another man in his vehicle, followed her into the lot and an argument ensued. The woman attempted to get back into her vehicle when the other driver forcefully shut the door and began assaulting her.

PFC Mayar arrested the 61-year-old man from Irvin Street in Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Assault.

Welfare Check 24-013347**200 Block Cedar Lane, SE****December 11 2:43 p.m.**

A school employee requested a welfare check on two siblings who were not in school. An officer found the children were at home and in good condition.

Civil Case 24-013380**300 Block Center Street, North****December 12 3:00 p.m.**

Two men approached a resident stating they were with a roofing company and offering a free roof inspection. The resident agreed to allow the men on the roof but did not authorize any repairs. When the men began working on the roof, officers were notified of a possible construction fraud. This case is being investigated to determine if this was a civil matter or if there was any criminal intent.

Suspicious Person 24-013382**Whole Foods****143 Maple Avenue, East****December 12 4:41 p.m.**

Officers responded to the report of a suspicious person. The officers located the man and determined that no crime occurred.

Petit Larceny 24-013386**7-11****427 Maple Avenue, East****December 12 7:30 p.m.**

An employee reported a man entered the store, stole some food, and left the area walking westbound on Maple Avenue. An officer located the man and escorted him back to the store where he was trespassed from the business. The employee did not wish to pursue charges for the larceny.

Domestic Dispute 24-013387**Cedar Lane, SE****December 12 8:30 p.m.**

An officer responded to a verbal dispute between roommates.

CASE UPDATES

None.

CRASHES

140 Maple Avenue, West 24-013305

December 4 9:15 a.m.

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

200 Block Branch Road, SE 24-013169

December 5 3:24 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked northbound on Branch Road. Vehicle-1, a Town of Vienna leaf collection truck, was traveling northbound collecting leaves when the hose attachment disconnected and struck the rear bumper of Vehicle-2.

Maple Avenue and Beulah Road NE 24-013279

December 9 2:05 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue approaching Beulah Road. Vehicle-2 stopped for the red traffic light and reported Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of their vehicle. Driver-1 stated there was no collision.

Maple Avenue near Park Street, NE 24-013317

December 10 6:23 p.m.

Vehicle-2 and Vehicle-3 were westbound in the right lane of Maple Avenue, stopped at a red traffic light for Park Street. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2, causing Vehicle-2 to strike the rear of Vehicle-3.

300 Block Nutley Street, SW 24-013323

December 10 7:45 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was a delivery driver traveling southbound on Nutley Street below the speed limit with hazard lights on attempting to look for the delivery address. Vehicle-2 was traveling in the left lane. A vehicle stopped in front of Vehicle-1 causing him to sideswipe Vehicle-2 resulting in minor damage to Vehicle-2.

Maple Avenue and Niblick Drive, SE 24-013342

December 11 11:37 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was turning left from Niblick Drive onto Maple Avenue when the two vehicles collided.

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

500 Block Princeton Terrace, SW 24-013350

December 11 1:59 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on the roadway facing eastbound. Vehicle-1, a delivery vehicle, was reentering the road after making a delivery and struck Vehicle-2.

Nutley Street and Courthouse Road, SW 24-013385

December 12 7:19 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Nutley Street. Vehicle-1 was traveling southbound on Nutley, turning left onto Courthouse Road when the two vehicles collided.

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

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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/>.

