



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

December 20, 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 13, 2024 to December 19, 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

Due to the holidays, we will not publish the Highlights for the week of December 27, 2024. Next week's incidents will be listed in the January 3, 2025 Highlights. Have a happy and safe holiday season!

INCIDENTS

Vehicle Tampering 24-013536

200 Block Courthouse Circle, SW

Between November 28 at 10:00 p.m. and November 29 at 9:00 a.m.

A resident reported that someone rummaged through their unlocked vehicle and stole a small amount of U.S. currency. The resident reported the incident after another vehicle at the home was rummaged through. (*Reference Incident #24-013381*).

Vehicle Tampering 24-013381

200 Block Courthouse Circle, SW

Between December 11 at 9:00 p.m. and December 12 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Petit Larceny 24-013445

600 Block Truman Circle, SW

Between December 13 at 1:00 p.m. and December 14 at 8:30 a.m.

A resident reported someone stole the license plates from her vehicle and replaced one of the tags with another license plate.

Suspicious Event 24-013429

500 Block Hillcrest Drive, SW

December 13 4:00 p.m.

A resident reported that her daughter and her friend were walking home from school when a man approached them, began asking them questions, and followed them. When a neighbor saw the girls and checked their well-being, the man immediately turned and walked in the opposite direction. Officers searched the area but did not locate the man.

Suspicious Event 24-013434

500 Block Kingsley Road, SW

December 13 8:26 p.m.

A neighbor reported a possible burglary in progress at an unoccupied home. Officers found a man and a woman using tools to enter the front door. It was determined that the couple owned the home and they were making preparations for the new tenants who were moving in the following day.

Suspicious Event 24-013478
Navy Federal Credit Union
820 Follin Lane, SE
December 14 2:50 p.m.

An employee reported a suspicious email they received.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 24-013483
Starbucks
362 Maple Avenue, East
December 15 3:51 p.m.

An employee reported a man in the Starbucks drinking alcohol. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, they detected signs of intoxication.

PFC Mayar transported the 41-year-old man from Derby Court in Alexandria, Virginia to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public and Drinking Alcohol In Public.

Found Property 24-013512
100 Block Church Street, NW
December 16 10:00 a.m.

A citizen turned in a found wallet.

Police Service 24-013508
Vienna Police Station
215 Center Street, South
December 16 12:16 p.m.

A citizen reported an error on his driving record that occurred when someone with the same name as him was issued a traffic ticket in March and the charge was inadvertently entered on the wrong driver's record by the court. The court was aware of the error and had already vacated the case to have it removed from his driving record. It was determined there was no fraud or criminal intent.

Lost Property 24-013515
Pizza Boli's
262 Cedar Lane, SE
December 16 8:26 p.m.

A citizen reported he lost his wallet at the restaurant.

Assist EMS 24-013516
Plum Street, SW
December 16 9:50 p.m.

A resident reported their son had injured himself. The juvenile was transported to an area hospital by rescue personnel with minor injuries for evaluation and treatment.

Destruction of Property 24-013547

Pitchers Edge Performance Studio

516 Mill Street, NE

December 17 6:30 p.m.

The business owner reported that a driver pulling out of a parking space struck the building multiple times, causing minor damage.

Trespassing 24-013553

United States Postal Service

200 Lawyers Road, NW

December 18 5:00 a.m.

An employee reported a man was sleeping in the lobby. At the request of the employee, the man was trespassed from the premises.

Suspicious Event 24-013590

Melody Yazdani Studios

303C Mill Street, NE

December 18 4:52 p.m.

A citizen reported that she ordered four items from Apple. The Apple website noted that all items were delivered. However, the citizen only received one of the items. Apple has agreed to replace or refund the items.

Assault 24-013613

Cunningham Park Elementary School

1001 Park Street, SE

December 19 1:05 p.m.

The students were involved in a flag football game. During the game, one of the male students made rough contact with one of the female students prompting the teachers to send him out of the game. One of the teachers approached the male student and first demonstrated the correct way the student should have made the play. He then demonstrated what the student did causing the boy to fall to the ground. The student's mother wished to pursue charges for the assault.

PFC Carne obtained a misdemeanor warrant charging assault for the 62-year-old man from Freehollow Drive in Falls Church, Virginia. The man was released on his signature.

CASE UPDATES

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.

CORRECTION; PFC Mayar arrested the 58-year-old man from Irvin Street in Vienna.

CRASHES

Park Street and Kingsley Road, SE 24-013431

December 13 4:25 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was northbound on Park Street. Vehicle-1 was eastbound on Kingsley Road, disregarded the stop sign, and struck Vehicle-2.

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

500 Block Maple Avenue, West 24-013436

December 13 9:18 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 turned left from James Madison Drive onto westbound Maple Avenue and struck Vehicle-1.

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

Mill Street and Church Street, NE 24-013462

December 14 6:57 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound on Church Street. Vehicle-1 was traveling northbound on Mill Street, turned right onto Church Street, and struck Vehicle-2.

Courthouse Road and Nutley Street, SW 24-013482

December 15 11:59 a.m.

Two vehicles were stopped at the red traffic light on Courthouse Road and Nutley Street. Vehicle-2 was in the right lane. Vehicle-1 was in the left turn lane when they attempted to turn right and struck Vehicle-2.

Driver-1 was issued a summons 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 or 703-255-6324.

CITIZEN NOTES

Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Vienna Police Department Welcomes New Police Officers



(Pictured from Left to Right Officer Ryan Dworznik, Major Daniel Janickey, Officer Cherylyn Thompson, Captain Tu Farhan and Academy Instructor, MPO Michael Finelli)

On December 12th, 2024, Officers Ryan Dworznik and Cherylyn Thompson graduated from the 87th Session of the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy. Their graduation marks the culmination of a six-month training session in which newly hired police recruits receive training in all aspects of police procedures. The six-month basic recruit session is a non-residential training program consisting of over 920 hours of instruction. The curriculum includes but is not limited to 320 hours of academic studies, 94 hours of firearms training, 84 hours of emergency vehicle operation, 110 hours of physical training, and 130 hours of defensive tactics training.

The Criminal Justice Academy trains new and veteran officers from Vienna, Fairfax County Police Department, Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, and the Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office.

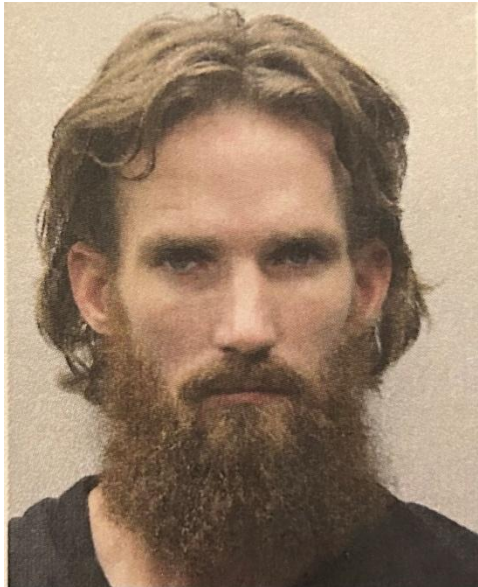
To attend the Academy and become a police officer, candidates must go through a rigorous application process which includes a thorough background check, medical examination, polygraph test, and various interviews. On average, only 2% of the people that apply to be a police officer make it through the hiring process and are invited to attend the basic recruit class.

Officers Dworznik and Thompson will be assigned a Field Training Instructor (FTI) for the next twelve weeks. During the twelve weeks, the FTI will observe and guide the Officer's performance in officer safety, interaction with citizens, investigations of crimes, vehicular accidents, traffic enforcement, report writing, and many other aspects of law enforcement duties.

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**Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department
Media Information Release**

Town of Vienna Police Department Arrests Hit and Run Suspect



Chad Gaskill

On November 28, 2024, officers from the Vienna Police Department responded to a hit-and-run accident in the 900 block of Park St SE. Upon arrival, they discovered that a pedestrian had been struck while attempting to cross the street. Detectives also responded to the scene and found evidence linking the incident to the vehicle involved, which was identified as a 2003 Chevrolet Avalanche pickup truck.

Further investigation led detectives to an address in New Kent County, VA, on November 30, 2024, where they located the vehicle, showing damage consistent with the hit-and-run crash. The truck was seized, and a search warrant was executed, uncovering additional evidence.

On December 10, 2024, detectives obtained a felony hit-and-run warrant for Chad Gaskill, the driver of the vehicle. Gaskill voluntarily turned himself into Vienna Police Detectives on December 11, 2024, and was held on a \$10,000 secured bond at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

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Public Service Announcement

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



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 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.



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/>.

