



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

January 10, 2025

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from January 3, 2025 to January 9, 2025. 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 call 911.

INCIDENTS

Hit and Run 25-00079

Jiffy Lube

210 Maple Avenue, W

December 2 at 5:58 p.m.

A resident reported that a passing vehicle's side mirror struck his shoulder while he was walking in the back parking lot, and the driver did not stop. Officers contacted the driver to discuss the incident. The resident later confirmed he was not injured and did not wish to press charges.

Fraud 25-00073

CVS

264 Cedar Lane, SE

January 3 at 12:26 p.m.

An employee discovered a fraudulent device attached to a self-checkout payment pad. The device closely resembled the original, but it was merely a shell placed over the actual pad and secured with tape.

Suspicious Event 25-00076

1000 Block Hillcrest Drive, SW

January 3 at 1:24 p.m.

A realtor reported that someone was taking down his realty sign repeatedly.

Abandoned Vehicle 25-0075

100 Block Casmar Drive, SE

January 3 at 1:35 p.m.

A traffic officer responded to a report of an abandoned vehicle. A 48-hour tow tag was placed on the vehicle.

Police Service 25-00086

Vienna Police Station

215 Center Street, South

January 4 at 1:16 a.m.

A set of license plates previously reported as stolen was recovered.

Trespassing 25-00096

Whole Foods

143 Maple Avenue, East

January 4 at 10:49 a.m.

An employee requested police assistance to trespass an individual from the store. The individual was informed of the trespass and left the premises without further incident.

Arrest - Trespassing 25-00102

7-Eleven

427 Maple Avenue, East

January 4 at 5:04 p.m.

An employee requested police assistance to trespass an individual from the store. During the investigation, it was determined that the individual had previously been trespassed from the business.

Ofc. Working issued a summons to the 57-year-old man with no fixed address. The man was released on his signature.

Juvenile 25-00103

McDonald's

544 Maple Avenue, West

January 4 between 5:19 p.m. and 6:55 p.m.

A juvenile requested police assistance. Officers responded to the scene, spoke with the juvenile, and then transported him safely back home.

Suspicious Event 25-00105

200 Block Charles Street, SE

January 4 at 6:51 p.m.

A resident reported hearing unusual noises in her basement and feared someone had entered her home. She left the house in her vehicle and stayed nearby. Officers conducted a thorough search of the residence but found no evidence of a crime or unauthorized entry.

Arrest – Hit & Run 25-00128

435 Maple Avenue, West

January 5 2:58 a.m.

At 11:45 a.m., the vehicle owner called to report he received a text from his daughter stating she was involved in an accident. The driver was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue when they struck a telephone pole, causing significant damage to the pole and totaling the vehicle. The driver moved the vehicle to the parking lot of 435 Maple Avenue, West, and then fled the area, later advising her father of the accident.

On January 8, Ofc. Working obtained a warrant for the 25-year-old woman from Lord Fairfax Road in Vienna charging her with Felony Hit & Run. On January 9, Ofc. Working arrested the woman. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where the warrant was served and she was released on an unsecured bond.

Assault 25-00133

CVS

337 Maple Avenue East

January 5 at 8:58 p.m.

A customer reported an assault, stating that a subject became angry when an item at the self-checkout required age verification. The subject backed into the victim, causing him to fall into nearby shelves, and then left the store in a vehicle. Officers identified the driver, but the customer did not wish to pursue charges.

Open Door/Window 25-00143

BWT Tire and Auto Service

303 Mill Street, NE

January 6 at 4:02 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of an open door at the closed business. They searched the business and found nothing appeared suspicious.

Animal Case – Quarantine 25-00216

400 Block Macarthur Avenue, NE

January 7 8:00 a.m.

A resident was bitten by her friend's dog while they were staying at her house. The friend is now staying in Great Falls with the dog. The Fairfax County Health Department was advised to follow up on the quarantine.

Arrest – Trespassing 25-00186

Whole Foods

143 Maple Avenue, East

January 8 1:17 p.m.

An employee reported a man who was previously trespassed from the premises was back in the store.

PFC Reed issued a summons to the 44-year-old man with no fixed address. The man was released on his signature.

Domestic Dispute 25-00213

Hillcrest Drive, SW

January 9 12:31 p.m.

Officers responded to a domestic dispute between a resident and his wife.

Petit Larceny 25-00223

Virginia ABC Store

419 Maple Avenue, East

January 9 3:47 p.m.

An employee reported a larceny that occurred earlier in the day when a man took two bottles of alcohol and left the store without paying for them.

Domestic Dispute 25-00227

Gibson Circle, SW

January 9 8:46 p.m.

Officers responded to a dispute between a resident and her adult daughter. The daughter requested an officer's presence while she removed her belongings to move out of the house. Both parties were provided with information about services available to them and the daughter left the residence without further incident.

CASE UPDATES

None.

CRASHES

115 Park Street, SE 25-00104

January 4 at 5:31 p.m.

Vehicle-2 and Vehicle-3 were stopped at a green light at Maple Ave E and Park St SE, waiting for another vehicle to exit a parking lot. The driver of Vehicle-1, unaware of the stopped vehicles, accelerated and rear-ended Vehicle-2, which caused Vehicle-2 to hit Vehicle-3. There were no injuries reported.

205 Locust Street, SW 25-00120

January 4 at 9:24 p.m.

Vehicle-1 struck a curb causing the front passenger side tire to pop.

150 Maple Avenue, West 25-00125

January 5 at 9:23 a.m.

The driver of Vehicle-1 reported that Vehicle-2, parked next to him in front of 150 Maple Ave W, backed out of its space and sideswiped his vehicle. Vehicle-2 did not stop and appeared unaware of the impact. Vehicle-1 sustained minor damage.

224 Maple Avenue, East 25-00127

January 4 at 8:24 a.m.

Vehicle-1 and Vehicle-2 were traveling northbound on Maple Ave E when Vehicle-2 attempted to change lanes to avoid a transit bus stopped in the right lane. While changing lanes, Vehicle-2 struck Vehicle-1, resulting in minor damage to both vehicles.

Follin Lane, SE and Hine Street, SE 25-00156

January 7 at 2:32 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Hine Street SE, while Vehicle-2 was heading southbound on Follin Lane SE. The front of Vehicle-2 collided with the right side of Vehicle-1 at the intersection. Vehicle-1 failed to yield the right of way to oncoming traffic.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging No Valid Driver's License.

300 Block Maple Avenue, East 25-00188

January 8 1:59 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 slid on ice and ran into the rear of Vehicle-2 causing minor damage to both vehicles.

115 Park Street, SE 25-00190

January 8 2:50 p.m.

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

Maple Avenue and Nutley Street, NW 25-00195

January 8 8:19 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was westbound on Maple Avenue, turning left onto southbound Nutley 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

Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department



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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/>.

