



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

February 7, 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 31, 2025 to February 6, 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

Fraud 25-01017

Westwood Country Club

800 Maple Avenue, East

Between January 15 at 12:00 a.m. and January 24 at 12:00 a.m.

An employee reported two checks were mailed out through the U.S. Postal Service. The checks were stolen and altered but were rejected by the bank when someone tried to cash them.

Animal Case – Quarantine 25-00813

200 Block Manvell Road, SE

January 29 7:00 p.m.

A resident was bitten by his neighbor's dog. The owner of the dog was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

Police Service 25-00807

Cedar Lane School

101 Cedar Lane, SW

January 30 8:00 a.m.

Information was received from the Town of Herndon Police Department that a student at the school was believed to be involved in a felony case they were investigating. Officers assisted the Herndon Police Detectives in transporting the student to their police department.

Suspicious Event 25-00812

100 Block East Street, NE

January 30 12:16 p.m.

A resident reported that a man in her neighborhood is harassing her through email and notes.

Police Service 25-00827

Vienna Police Station

215 Center Street, South

January 30 8:11 p.m.

A resident turned in a firearm for destruction.

Suspicious Event 25-00886

Whole Foods

143 Maple Avenue, East

February 1 9:18 a.m.

A resident observed a man attempting to place a tracking device on his vehicle while it was parked in the parking lot. After the resident confronted the man, they responded to the police department. The man advised that he was working for a private investigation company. The resident is deciding if he wishes to pursue charges against him.

Grand Larceny 25-00895**348 Maple Avenue, West****February 1 between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.**

An employee reported someone smashed a window in their vehicle while it was parked in the parking lot and stole her purse which contained U.S. currency, credit cards, and debit cards.

Police Service 25-00891**Shell Gas Station****252 Maple Avenue, West****February 1 3:38 p.m.**

Officers responded to assist an elderly woman who appeared to be lost and confused. She did not require medical attention and refused any other assistance. A cab was called, and the woman was safely transported home.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 25-00920**Nutley Street and Marshall Road, SW****February 2 3:23 a.m.**

An officer observed a vehicle that was being recklessly driven and initiated a traffic stop. Upon interacting with the driver, the officer detected signs of impairment. The driver provided false identification and failed to complete a series of field sobriety tests.

Detective Reedy arrested the 18-year-old woman from Commons Drive in Annandale, Virginia. She was transported to the Vienna Police Station where she provided a sample of her breath for analysis. She was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Providing False Identification to a Law Enforcement Officer.

Welfare Check 25-00929**235 Maple Avenue, West****February 2 12:20 p.m.**

A citizen observed an elderly female in the parking lot who appeared physically distressed and confused. Rescue personnel responded and transported the woman to an area hospital for evaluation and an officer notified her family.

Open Door 25-00937**700 Block Frederick Street, SW****February 2 6:02 p.m.**

A woman was checking on her parent's home when she found an open door. Officers searched the home and found nothing suspicious. The daughter confirmed that nothing appeared to be missing or out of place.

Petit Larceny 25-00954

CVS

337 Maple Avenue, East

February 3 between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.

An employee reported a man entered the store and began placing several personal hygiene items into a duffle bag. When the employee confronted the man, he fled the store without paying for the items.

Petit Larceny 25-00958

Virginia ABC Store

419 Maple Avenue, East

February 3 between 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

An employee reported that their security camera showed a couple entering the store, the man concealed a bottle of alcohol in his coat, while the female purchased another bottle of alcohol. The couple left the store without paying for the concealed bottle.

Welfare Check 25-00961

Money & King

171 Maple Avenue, West

February 3 4:55 p.m.

An employee at Money & King requested a welfare check on a woman after they were unable to contact her following her husband's funeral services. A teletype was sent to the Fairfax County Police Department to check on the woman.

Suspicious Event 25-01058

Empire Massage & Waxing

501 Church Street, NE, Suite 203

February 6 1:34 p.m.

A citizen reported he had a relationship with an employee who he met as a customer at the business. During the relationship, he bought her cell phones and provided money to help her family. He now believes the employee defrauded him, but he does not wish to pursue charges.

CASE UPDATES

None.

CRASHES

Cedar Lane and Park Street 25-00866

January 24 5:00 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Park Street, turning right onto Cedar Lane with a green traffic light. Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Cedar Lane, ran the red traffic light, and collided with Vehicle-2. Vehicle-1 fled the scene without stopping.

143 Block Maple Avenue, East 25-00793

January 29 5:38 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue in adjacent lanes. Vehicle-1 was in the right lane, Vehicle-2 was in the left lane. Another vehicle exited the parking lot of 143 Maple Avenue, cutting off Vehicle-1 and causing them to swerve and strike Vehicle-2.

W&OD Bike Trail and Church Street, NE 25-00935

February 1 4:10 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Church Street. Pedestrian-1 was walking southbound on the bike trail crosswalk when they were struck by Vehicle-1. Vehicle-1 fled the scene without stopping. Pedestrian-1 suffered minor injuries and was treated at a local medical facility.

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/>.

