



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

February 28, 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 February 21, 2025 to February 27, 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

Petit Larceny 25-01423

Virginia ABC Store

419 Maple Avenue, East

February 18 between 4:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

An employee reported a woman came into the store, concealed a bottle of alcohol, and left the store without paying for it.

Arrest – Fraud 25-01446

Vienna Rexall Drug Center

150 Maple Avenue, West

Between February 18 at 7:00 p.m. and February 19 at 11:31 a.m.

On February 19, the pharmacist reported that on February 18 they received a faxed prescription that they believed was fraudulent.

On February 24, MPO Shaw obtained a warrant charging Prescription Fraud for the suspect in this case. Later that afternoon, the 43-year-old man from Berryland Drive in Oakton, Virginia was arrested when he went to the pharmacy to pick up the fraudulent prescription. MPO Shaw transported the man to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where the warrant was served on him.

Welfare Check 25-01480

500 Block Alma Street, SE

February 20 12:00

An employee at a financial institution reported suspicious financial activity on a resident's account and was concerned that the resident may be the victim of fraud. At the request of Adult Protective Services, a detective spoke to the resident who advised the transactions were legitimate and that they did not require any assistance.

Arrest – Trespassing 25-01500

Bear Branch Tavern

133 Maple Avenue, East

February 20 10:44 p.m.

An employee reported a man in the establishment who refused to leave. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, they detected signs of intoxication. The employee trespassed the man from the premises and the officer advised him he would be arrested for trespassing if he did not comply. When he still refused to leave, he was placed under arrest.

Ofc. Thompson transported the 33-year-old man from Mendeveille Lane in Alexandria, Virginia to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Trespassing and Drunk In Public.

Suspicious Event 25-01524**Lacrosse Unlimited****209 Maple Avenue, East****February 21 between 3:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.**

An employee reported juveniles climbing on the roof of the business. The juveniles had already left the area before officers arrived. The employee reported that they have had continuous problems with the individuals.

Arrest – Forgery 25-01526**Northwest Federal Credit Union****231 Maple Avenue, East****February 21 5:44 p.m.**

An employee reported a man in the bank attempting to cash a forged check. Ofc. Ludwick arrested the man who initially provided the officer with false identification. Once the man was identified, the officer determined that there were active warrants for him in Fairfax County. The officer also found the man in possession of credit cards that did not belong to him.

Ofc. Ludwick transported the 63-year-old man from Hil-Mar Drive in District Heights, Maryland to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Forgery of a Check, Passing a Forged Check, three counts of Credit Card Theft, Providing False Identification to a Law Enforcement Officer, and the two Fairfax County Warrants charging Forgery of a Check and Passing a Forged Check were served on him.

Extortion 25-01533**200 Block Glen Avenue, SW****February 21 8:20 p.m.**

A resident reported text messages he received from an unknown person attempting to extort him. The officer provided the man with information on the FBI's computer crimes website to report the incident.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 25-01537**1400 Block Desale Street, SW****February 21 10:36 p.m.**

An officer observed a traffic infraction and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, they detected signs of impairment. The man failed to complete a series of field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest. The officer determined that there was an outstanding warrant for the man in Fairfax County.

Ofc. Working transported the 40-year-old man from Lewisdale Drive in Hyattsville, Maryland to the Vienna Police Station where he provided a sample of his breath for analysis. The man was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and the Fairfax County warrant charging Felony Hit & Run was served on him.

Petit Larceny 25-01546

Giant Food

359 Maple Avenue, East

February 22 between 1:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

An employee reported a woman entered the store and concealed seafood in a bag. When the woman started to leave the store, the employee confronted her about the items. The woman continued out the door without paying.

Arrest – Burglary, Abduction, and Assault 25-01570

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

February 23 between 4:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

A resident reported that her boyfriend took a ladder to reach her window, and then used a knife to force entry into her apartment where a struggle ensued. The resident further advised that the previous night he had assaulted her and threatened to kill her.

A short time later, officers located the boyfriend walking in front of the apartment building. The 54-year-old man from Cedar Lane, SE in Vienna was placed under arrest. Ofc. Thompson transported the man to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Burglary, Abduction, and Assault. An Emergency Protective Order was also served on him.

Open Door 25-01583

TintFX

396 Maple Avenue, East

February 23 9:43 p.m.

An officer found an open door to the business. The officer searched the bays and office area and found nothing that appeared to have been disturbed.

Juvenile Case 25-01600

Marshall Road Elementary School

730 Marshall Road, SW

February 24 12:24 p.m.

A resident reported that her son was being harassed by another student at school.

Lost Property 25-01602

Vienna Police Station

215 Center Street, South

February 24 1:05 p.m.

A utility worker lost a gas line transmitter device at one of his work sites in Vienna.

Arrest – Warrant Service 25-01609

Vienna Police Station

215 Center Street, South

February 24 6:02 p.m.

A juvenile with an outstanding petition in Fairfax County turned himself in at the Police Station. Ofc. Temple arrested the juvenile and transported him to the Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center where the petition charging armed robbery was served on him.

Grand Larceny 25-01641

1000 Block Avery Court, SW

February 25 between 6:00 a.m. and 6:52 a.m.

A resident reported that her wallet was stolen from her unlocked vehicle. Her credit cards were used to make unauthorized charges.

Trespassing 25-01630

Chick-Fil-A

540 Maple Avenue, West

February 25 9:40 a.m.

An employee reported a man in the restaurant with whom they have had ongoing issues, and they wished to trespass him from the premises. The employee advised the man was not currently causing a problem, but that he has several past incidents of disturbing and threatening customers. The employee advised the man that he was trespassed and would be charged if he returned.

Fraud 25-01723

Vienna Rexall Drug Center

150 Maple Avenue, West

February 25 12:20 p.m.

On February 27, the pharmacist reported a fraudulent prescription that was faxed to them on February 25. Several hours after filing the police report, at approximately 5:50 p.m., the pharmacist called the police to report a man was in the store attempting to pick up the prescription.

PFC Stroh arrested the 22-year-old man from V Street, SE in Washington, DC. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Prescription Fraud.

Destruction of Property 25-01654

400 Block Dove Circle, SW

February 25 3:28 p.m.

A resident reported her vehicle's rear windshield was shattered. There was construction and tree removal work on the cul-de-sac, however, the cause of the damage is not known.

Fraud 25-01655

200 Block Commons Drive, NW

February 25 3:57 p.m.

A resident reported that money was fraudulently taken from her bank account.

Petit Larceny 25-01656

Virginia ABC Store

419 Maple Avenue, East

February 25 4:19 p.m.

An employee reported that two men entered the store, one of the men grabbed two bottles of alcohol, and both men left the store without paying for the alcohol.

Animal Case – Quarantine 25-01684

300 Block Arcadian Circle, SW

February 25 5:00 p.m.

A resident was bitten by her cat while trying to transport it to the vet. The resident was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

Arrest – Trespassing 25-01672

7-11

537 Maple Avenue, West

February 26 12:00 a.m.

An employee reported a man who was refusing to leave the store. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, they detected signs of intoxication. The officer also found the man had concealed several items from the store. Ofc. Dworznik arrested the 28-year-old man from Buccaneer Court in Fairfax, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Trespassing, Drunk In Public, and Shoplifting.

Arrest – Disorderly Conduct 25-01698

Vienna Town Hall

127 Center Street, South

February 26 8:33 a.m.

Officers responded to the report of a man sleeping on the sidewalk. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, they detected signs of intoxication, and he urinated in public. The man advised that he needed medical attention and requested EMS. PFC Stroh issued a summons to the man charging Disorderly Conduct. The man was released on his signature. Rescue personnel transported the man to an area hospital for evaluation.

CASE UPDATES

None.

CRASHES

500 Block Maple Avenue, West 25-01544

February 22 11:47 a.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound in adjacent lanes. Vehicle-1 began to change lanes and struck the rear left side of Vehicle-2.

Nutley Street, SW at Maple Avenue, West 25-01693

February 26 3:20 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling northbound on Nutley Street, SW in the left lane. Vehicle-2 stopped for the red traffic signal. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

Cottage Street and Yeonas Drive, SW 25-01696

February 26 6:25 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Cottage Street. Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Yeonas Drive, entered the intersection of Cottage Street, and collided with 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

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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/>.

