

VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

March 14, 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 March 7, 2025 to March 13, 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 <u>Juan.vazquez@viennava.gov</u>)

On July 1, 2021, citizens will be able to access Community Policing data via https://data.virginia.gov/dataset/community-policing-data/resource/60506bbb-685f-4360-8a8c-30e137ce3615?view_id=0ccc7987-50f5-43eb-a42a-99e595eb587f&filters=AGENCY%20NAME%3AVienna%20Police%20Department. 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.

Fraud 25-02206 100 Block Harmony Drive, SE Between February 28 at 7:00 a.m. and March 13 at 7:00 a.m.

A resident reported that two checks he placed in the mail were stolen, forged, and cashed.

Fraud 25-02213 200 Block Park Street, NE Between March 4 at 12:00 a.m. and March 5 at 11:59 p.m.

A resident reported that her bank account was hacked and unauthorized transactions were placed on the account.

Police Service 25-02000 Vienna Elementary School 128 Center Street, South March 4 2:00 p.m.

A detective investigated a referral they received from Child Protective Services regarding an incident involving a child at the school. The detective determined that no crime occurred and the school handled the incident internally.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 25-01982 Inova Primary Care 130 Park Street, SE, Suite 200 March 6 9:29 a.m.

A doctor called about a patient in the office making concerning statements. After speaking to the patient, the officers determined she did not require immediate assistance. The officers provided her with information on services available to her.

Suspicious Person 25-01998 Patrick Henry Library 101 Maple Avenue, East March 6 between 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

An employee reported a man who was in the library for a few hours acting suspiciously. The man left the area when the staff advised they were calling the police.

Fraud 25-01993 Vienna Rexall Drug Center 150 Maple Avenue, West March 6 1:34 p.m. The pharmacist received a fraudulent prescription.

Suspicious Event 25-01993 1000 Block Ware Street, SW March 6 2:14 p.m.

A resident received a scam call from someone claiming to be law enforcement who advised him that he would need to pay them to settle an outstanding warrant.

Disorderly Conduct 25-01997 100 Block Maple Avenue, East March 6 2:55 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a disorderly man walking eastbound on Maple Avenue. The man was located in the Walgreens Parking lot at 225 Maple Avenue, East. As the officer approached him, the man became enraged and approached the officer aggressively. He was immediately detained by the officer. Due to the man's unusual behavior, rescue personnel responded and transported him to an area hospital for evaluation and treatment.

Lost Property 25-02006 200 Block Maple Avenue, East

March 6 between 3:00 p.m. and 8:43 p.m.

A resident placed his cell phone on top of his vehicle, then drove away forgetting the phone was there. The area was searched but the phone was not located.

Vehicle Tampering 25-02020

500 Block Malcolm Road, NW

Between March 6 at 6:00 p.m. and March 7 at 8:25 a.m.

A resident reported someone tampered with their vehicle. Nothing was damaged or taken from the vehicle.

Natural Death 25-02018

Frederick Street, SW

March 7 7:10 a.m.

A resident found her husband unresponsive in their home and called 911. Rescue personnel determined the man was deceased.

Domestic Dispute 25-02043

Kingsley Road, SW March 7 5:08 p.m. Officers responded to a verbal dispute between husband and wife.

Destruction of Property 25-02064 900 Block Symphony Circle, SW Between March 7 at 6:00 p.m. and March 8 at 11:00 a.m.

A resident reported someone threw eggs at his door during the night.

Destruction of Property 25-02055 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE March 8 12:39 a.m.

A resident reported the glass in a bedroom window in their apartment was shattered.

Juvenile Case 25-02058 Kingsley Road, SW March 8 5:10 a.m.

A resident reported that her juvenile daughter was assaulted by her estranged husband earlier in the week. There were no signs of injury. The resident was advised of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges.

Missing Adult 25-02069 200 Block Park Terrace Court, SE March 8 between 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

A resident reported her father, who suffers from medical issues, was missing after he did not return home from a walk. The man was entered as a missing person into the national database and assistance was requested from the Fairfax County Police K-9 and helicopter units. The man was safely located in Fairfax County and returned home.

Open Door 25-02065 400 Block Mashie Drive, SE March 8 2:29 p.m.

Officers responding to a residential alarm found an open door. The officers found nothing suspicious when they searched the home.

Suspicious Event 25-02066 1100 Block Fairway Drive, NE March 8 2:36 p.m.

An elderly resident reported that a woman knocked on her back door multiple times, then proceeded to enter the basement and walked to the main floor. The woman advised the resident that she was hired by her daughter to clean the house. The resident's daughter advised that her mother just had tenants move from the basement and she hired a company to clean the basement. The daughter will follow up with the cleaning company to ensure it was one of their employees.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 25-02072 Talahi Road, SE March 8 9:40 p.m.

A resident who suffers from medical issues began suffering an episode and assaulted his wife. Neither party was injured. However, rescue personnel responded to evaluate them both and ensure no further treatment was needed. The family is already working with available services to support the resident's care.

Petit Larceny 25-02073 Shell 252 Maple Avenue, West March 8 10:20 p.m.

An employee reported that a woman came into the store and stole several beverages including alcohol. The woman fled the area in an unknown direction.

Police Service 25-02154 Vienna Police Station 215 Center Street, South Between March 9 at 12:00 p.m. and March 11 at 12:00 p.m.

A detective from another jurisdiction received a complaint from Child Protective Services regarding a juvenile who made concerning statements. The detective believed the call may have originated from an unknown location in Vienna. Further investigation determined the call came from an area in Fairfax County and their department had already handled the call.

Arrest - Assault 25-2092 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE March 10 12:28 a.m.

Officers responding to the report of an intoxicated man located the man lying on the ground. The man aggressively ran toward one of the officers attempting to assault him. As the officer was taking him into custody, the man bit the officer. Ofc. Ludwick arrested the 33-year-old from Cedar Lane, SE in Vienna. The man continued to act aggressively and was transported by rescue personnel and an officer to an area hospital for evaluation. Once he was medically cleared, Ofc. Ludwick transported him to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Felony Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer and Obstruction of Justice.

Suspicious Event 25-02101 Dollar Tree 264 Cedar Lane, SE March 10 9:49 a.m.

An employee reported that a group of juveniles entered the store and began acting disorderly, yelling obscenities, and knocking numerous items off the shelves before fleeing the area.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 25-02119 Courthouse Circle, SW March 10 6:12 p.m.

A resident stated that she wanted her parents removed from the home. Officers spoke to the resident's father who advised his daughter was acting disruptive and yelling at him and his wife. The woman refused to speak further with the officers and went to her room. Officers advised the parents of the process to obtain an Emergency Custody Order. (*Reference Incident 25-02119*).

Arrest – Involuntary Temporary Detention Order 25-02123 Courthouse Circle, SW March 10 9:09 p.m.

Reference Incident 25-02119. A resident went to the magistrate's office and obtained an Emergency Custody Order for her daughter. Ofc. Temple responded to the woman's address on Courthouse Circle, SW, and served the order. The woman was transported to an area medical facility for evaluation and a clinician issued a Temporary Detention Order that the officer served on her. She was then transported to an area hospital to be medically cleared for treatment.

Grand Larceny 25-02212

Moon Lake Spa

March 11 between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

A citizen reported that she removed her two necklaces and placed them in a tote provided by the spa before she had her massage. After leaving the spa, she realized that she had forgotten her jewelry and returned to the spa to retrieve it but the jewelry was missing.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 25-02144 400 Block Maple Avenue, East March 11 12:15 p.m.

A bus driver requested assistance in removing an intoxicated man from the bus. Upon the officer's interaction with the man, they detected signs of impairment and asked the man to step off the bus. Once off the bus, the man became combative and assaulted the officer.

Ofc. Ebrahimi arrested the 42-year-old man from Little River Turnpike in Annandale, Virginia. The man was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Felony Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer and Drunk In Public.

Fraud 25-02147 200 Block Nutley Street, NW March 11 2:37 p.m.

A resident reported that his computer malfunctioned and an Apple Help Desk phone number appeared on his screen. When he called the number, a man advised him that someone was trying to access his bank account information and that to protect his accounts he would need to pay money. The resident provided some personal information to the man before he realized he was the target of a scam.

Found Property 25-02152 Maple Avenue and Mill Street, NE March 11 4:00 p.m.

A citizen turned in a bicycle light and a helmet light he found near the bike trail.

Shoplifting 25-02156 CVS 337 Maple Avenue, East March 11 6:06 p.m.

An employee reported a woman left the store carrying a basket full of items without paying for them. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate the woman.

Trespassing 25-02168 133 Maple Avenue, East March 12 1:44 a.m.

A business owner reported he was reviewing his security cameras in his office and that an unknown man was sleeping in the lobby on the third floor of the building. Officers located the man, escorted him out, and trespassed him from the premises. The man was advised he would be arrested if he returned.

Domestic Assault 25-02181 Mill Street and Church Street, NE March 12 10:47 a.m.

A citizen was driving westbound on Church Street when her adult son, who suffers from disabilities, assaulted her. Her son continued to act out when she pulled into a parking lot. He damaged the windshield and the rearview mirror and climbed on the roof of the vehicle. The son calmed down after speaking to an officer.

Assault 25-02191 407 Maple Avenue, West March 12 4:14 p.m.

Officers responded to a civil dispute with the tenant over a security deposit. One of the men reported the other man shoved him. He was advised of the warrant process should he wish to pursue charges.

Destruction of Property 25-02192 Lawyers Road and Church Street, NW March 12 7:14 p.m.

A driver was on Church Street turning right onto Lawyers Road while a pedestrian and his family were in the crosswalk at the intersection. As the driver made the turn, the pedestrian struck the rear passenger side window with his hand, causing it to shatter, and then fled the scene. The driver followed him to the intersection of Windover Avenue and Orchard Street where they began having a verbal altercation over the incident. The pedestrian suffered a minor injury to his hand but refused rescue. The pedestrian was released on a summons charging Destruction of Property. The driver was released on a summons charging Failure to Yield to Pedestrians in the Crosswalk.

Animal Case 25-02203 1100 Block Desale Street, SW March 13 9:20 a.m.

An officer responded to the report of a dog running at large. The officer was unable to locate the owner and transported the dog to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

Trespassing 25-02217 Dollar Tree 215 Maple Avenue, West March 13 8:15 p.m.

An employee reported a man who was in the store upsetting customers and refusing to leave. The man was trespassed from the store. He was advised that he would be arrested if he returned to the premises.

Trespassing 25-02222 Popeyes 325 Maple Avenue, East March 13 11:37 p.m.

Officers responded to a verbal altercation in the restaurant. The manager trespassed a customer who was acting disorderly. The man was advised that he would be arrested if he returned to the property.

CASE UPDATES

None.

CRASHES

336 Maple Avenue, West 25-01983 March 6 9:43 a.m.

Vehicle-1 sideswiped Vehicle-2 while attempting to park in the parking lot. Vehicle-1 then fled the scene. The driver was identified and came to the Vienna Police Station to provide his information to exchange with the other driver.

820 Follin Lane, SE 25-02047

March 7 7:00 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked in a parking space when it was struck by Vehicle-1. Driver-1 fled the scene without providing their information.

Maple Avenue, West near Nutley Street, NW 25-02086

March 9 3:44 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound in the right lane of Maple Avenue, approaching Nutley Street. Vehicle-2 came to a stop in traffic. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Following Too Closely.

100 Block Church Street, NW 25-02188

March 12 2:26 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Church Street. Vehicle-1 was exiting a parking lot onto Church Street when the two vehicles collided.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Yield Right of Way.

Please contact Ruth Rohr for further information on any of these cases at <u>Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov</u> or 703-255-6324.

<u>CITIZEN NOTES</u>

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 revictimization. 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 multifactor 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 <u>https://takeitdown.ncmec.org</u>.

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 <u>www.ic3.gov</u>
- 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 <u>www.cybertipline.org</u>)

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 <u>https://www.emergencyprofile.org/</u>.

