

VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

March 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 March 21, 2025 to March 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)

Citizens are 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 began complying with this state law when it was enacted in July of 2020. The portal contains statistics on non-consensual investigatory stops made by the Vienna Police Department 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 in the middle of the night. In addition to rifling through unlocked cars for valuables and money, they steal vehicles when they encounter keys left in them. The Vienna Police Department would like to remind our community members to please stay vigilant, secure all vehicles, take vehicle keys inside, and lock all residential and garage doors to deter criminals from targeting your property. Additionally, please call the police if you notice suspicious vehicles or people in your area and share 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 to coordinate resources to identify these suspects.

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

Police Service 25-02490

200 Locust Street, SE

Between February 26 at 12:00 p.m. and March 21 at 3:11 p.m.

An officer spoke to a resident regarding a civil matter in retrieving his property from an apartment he stayed in temporarily.

Vehicle Tampering 25-02485

200 Block Courthouse Road, NE

Between March 20 at 5:30 p.m. and March 21 at 7:45 a.m.

A resident reported that someone rummaged through their unlocked vehicle and stole two pairs of sunglasses.

Assist EMS 25-02494

200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

March 21 5:00 p.m.

Officers responded to assist rescue personnel with an intoxicated man. The man was transported to an area hospital for treatment.

Assault 25-02502

537 Maple Avenue, West

March 21 8:57 p.m.

A driver stopped for the stop sign at the intersection of Windover Avenue and Nutley Street. A bicyclist proceeded through the intersection without stopping. An argument ensued and the bicyclist spat into the vehicle. The driver stopped his vehicle at Windover Avenue and James Madison Drive causing the bicyclist to feel threatened. Both parties were advised of the warrant process should they decide to pursue charges.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 25-02510

400 Maple Avenue, East

March 22 2:13 a.m.

An officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, they detected signs of impairment.

PFC Stroh arrested the 32-year-old man from Zekan Lane in Springfield, Virginia. He was transported to the Vienna Police Station where he refused to provide a sample of his breath for analysis. He was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where a sample of his blood was collected for analysis and he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated, Refusal, and Reckless Driving.

Grand Larceny 25-02610 200 Block Locust Street, SE March 22 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported a firearm was taken from their vehicle.

Open Door 25-02553 400 Block Upham Place, NW March 23 4:51 p.m.

Officers responding to the report of a residential alarm found an unsecured door. Officers searched the home and found nothing that appeared suspicious.

Missing Person 25-02554 1100 Redwood Drive, SE March 23 8:05 p.m.

A resident reported that she was concerned for her adult son who left home unexpectedly and they were unable to locate him. The man returned home safely a short time later.

Petit Larceny 25-02599 Virginia ABC Store 419 Maple Avenue, East March 25 5:21 p.m.

An employee reported that a man entered the store earlier in the day, took a bottle of alcohol, and left without paying for it.

Suspicious Person 25-02605 300 Block Patrick Street, SW March 24 5:30 p.m.

A resident reported a suspicious man who approached her husband and juvenile son while they were playing basketball in the driveway. The resident advised she had observed the man frequently in the area and that he had previously approached her son when he was playing outside alone.

Arrest – Warrant Service and Accident 25-02619 Maple Avenue and Center Street, SW March 25 7:57 a.m.

An officer observed a traffic violation and initiated a traffic stop. The driver pulled into the library parking lot at 101 Maple Avenue, East. As the man attempted to park, he drove onto a concrete bollard, getting the vehicle stuck on top of it. The officer determined there was an active warrant for the man in Fairfax County. Upon searching the vehicle, the officer found the man had a firearm in his possession.

PFC Reed arrested the 36-year-old man from Persimmon Drive in Fairfax, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where the felony warrant charging Threats in Writing was served and he was charged with Reckless Driving.

Arrest – Shoplifting 25-02622 Wawa 465 Maple Avenue, West March 25 8:20 p.m.

An employee reported a man concealed items and left the store without paying for them. An officer located the man walking eastbound on Maple Avenue and placed him under arrest.

Ofc. Ebrahimi transported the 31-year-old man from West Garrison Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Shoplifting. The man was also trespassed from Wawa and advised that he would be charged if he returned to the store.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 25-02671 419 Maple Avenue, East March 26 3:02 p.m.

Officers responding to a welfare check on two individuals parked near the ABC Store found both subjects unconscious in the vehicle. Upon the officer's interaction with the couple, they detected signs of intoxication. Rescue personnel responded and transported the woman to an area hospital for evaluation.

Ofc. Dworznik arrested the 33-year-old man from Chevy Chase Lane in Chantilly, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public.

Trespassing 25-02676 Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream 136 Maple Avenue, West March 26 5:00 p.m.

An employee reported a man who was acting suspiciously towards female customers. Officers spoke to the man, and he agreed to leave the area. The employee trespassed the man from the premises, and he was advised that he would be arrested if he returned.

CASE UPDATES

None.

CRASHES

Maple Avenue and Nutley Street, NW 25-02487 March 21 1:42 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was in the center lane of Nutley Street, SW traveling northbound at the intersection of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-2 was in the right lane. Both vehicles continued through the intersection and collided when Vehicle-1 failed to yield to Vehicle-2.

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

Malcolm Road and Orchard, NW 25-02523 March 22 1:26 p.m.

A new driver was attempting to turn left from Orchard Street onto Malcolm Road from the right turn lane. The driver struck the median, went across the street, over the curb, through a fence, and into a tree.

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

Courthouse Road and Moorefield Road, SW 25-02601 March 24 6:00 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling eastbound on Courthouse Road when a third vehicle abruptly stopped in front of them, causing Vehicle-1 to run into the rear of Vehicle-2.

414 Maple Avenue, East 25-2675

March 26 5:18 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was exiting the parking lot of 414 Maple Avenue, East. Vehicle-2 was traveling in the right westbound lane of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 pulled unintentionally entered the road way and the two vehicles collided.

Please contact MPO Juan Vazquez for further information on any of these cases at Juan.vazquez@viennava.gov or 703-255-7845.

<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 screencaptured, 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 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 <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.

²Fansigning 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/.

