

## VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

**April 4, 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 28, 2025 to April 3, 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 <a href="mailto:juan.vazquez@viennava.gov">juan.vazquez@viennava.gov</a>)

#### 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**

**Burglary 25-02672** 

700 Block Hunter Court, SW

Between February 28 at 3:00 p.m. and March 26 at 3:04 p.m.

A citizen reported that someone entered her deceased brother's home, stole several items, and left the home in disarray. There did not appear to be any forced entry into the residence.

On March 31, the citizen advised the detective working the case that she did not wish to pursue the investigation any further.

Arrest – Drunk In Public 25-02717 Pazzo Pomodoro 118 Branch Road, SE March 27 6:53 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of an intoxicated man who was acting disorderly and kicking the door to the restaurant.

PFC Stroh arrested the 45-year-old man from Green Stable Square in Ashburn, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public.

Domestic Dispute 25-02728 Ware Street, SW March 27 11:01 p.m.

Officers responded to a verbal dispute between a boyfriend and girlfriend.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 25-02732 200 Block Nutley Street, NW March 28 2:07 a.m.

An officer observed a driver commit several traffic offenses and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, they detected signs of impairment. The driver failed to perform a series of field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest.

Ofc. Working transported the 18-year-old woman from Commons Drive in Annandale, Virginia 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 – Second Offense and Driving Without a License.

Suspicious Event 25-02747 200 Block Park Terrace Court, SE March 28 12:48 p.m.

A resident received a bill charging him for utilities in another apartment.

#### Fraud 25-02811

## 200 Block Whispering Wind Court, SE

#### Between March 29 at 12:00 a.m. and March 30 at 8:00 a.m.

A resident was notified by one of her credit monitoring companies that someone used her personal information in an attempt to obtain a car loan.

## Welfare Check 25-02769 900 Block Desale Street, SW

March 29 4:16 a.m.

Officers responded with rescue personnel after a resident sent concerning texts to his friend. The officers spoke to the resident and found he did not require assistance.

#### Animal Case - Quarantine 25-02863

Vienna Pet Spaw

101 Church Street, NW, A

March 29 9:00 a.m.

An employee was bitten by a dog during a grooming appointment. The dog resides in Fairfax County. The Health Department was advised of the owner's address to follow up on the quarantine.

## Found Property 25-02773

**Sideling Court, NE** 

March 29 11:52 a.m.

A resident turned in a found cell phone.

## **Shoplifting 25-02777**

7-11

537 Maple Avenue, West

March 29 6:57 p.m.

Three teenage girls stole two bottles of alcohol and fled the store.

#### **Assault 25-02798**

#### 100 Block Shepherdson Lane, NE

#### March 30 between 5:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

A resident reported that he was assaulted by his friend who had already left his home. The resident was advised of the warrant process should he wish to pursue charges.

#### Suspicious Event 25-02809

**Vienna Community Center** 

120 Cherry Street, SE

March 30 4:04 p.m.

An officer responded to a dispute between two men. No crime occurred and both parties agreed to separate.

Suspicious Event 25-02812 Vienna Community Center 120 Cherry Street, SE March 30 6:45 p.m.

A juvenile reported that he was at the Community Center with his friends when his stepfather drove by, slowed the car to a stop, and stared at the juveniles. There is a restraining order against his stepfather. However, the man did not violate the order. An officer spoke to the juvenile's mother to advise her of the incident.

Police Service 25-02836 Vienna Police Station 215 Center Street, South March 31 9:45 a.m.

A citizen came to the police station reporting incidents she had previously documented. She also expressed concern for her adult son who resided outside of our jurisdiction. The citizen was advised to contact the Fairfax County Police to report her concerns regarding her son.

Police Service 25-02891 Vienna Police Station 215 Center Street, South April 1 3:22 p.m.

A citizen came into the station stating that he wanted to give money to an officer who had previously given him a citation. The man was advised that the police department and the officers could not take any payments. The man pushed an envelope containing money through the dispatcher's window and left the station. The money was placed in Property to be released back to the citizen.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 25-02896 Vienna Police Station 215 Center Street, South April 1 8:09 p.m.

Residents came to the police station looking for resources to help them with their juvenile daughter who was struggling with mental health issues and was beginning to physically assault them. Officers provided the parents with information on the mental health services that are available to them.

Petit Larceny 25-02914 Walgreens 225 Maple Avenue, East April 2 10:20 a.m.

An employee reported a man took several drinks from the refrigerator and left the store without paying for them.

Arrest – Illegal Dumping 25-2917 Vienna Police Station 215 Center Street, South April 2 11:30 a.m.

A suspicious black trash bag with a note was found outside of the secured gates of the police station at the Locust Street entrance. The bag was filled with trash and the note was directed to the Town of Vienna, complaining about the tenants of the apartments on Cedar Lane, SE. The security cameras showed the driver of a vehicle making a U-turn in front of the gates, removing a trash bag from his vehicle, and placing it at the gates. Officers located the driver at his home. The man told the officers he would continue these actions until the Town addressed his concerns with the apartment tenants.

On April 3, Ofc. Ebrahimi obtained a summons charging Illegal Dumping. The officer served the summons on the 83-year-old man from Acorn Circle in Fairfax County. He was released on his signature.

Animal Case 25-02927 Tapawingo Road and Timber Lane, SW April 2 6:30 p.m.

Two citizens found a dog running at large. An officer transported the dog to the Hope Advanced Veterinary Center to attempt to identify the owner. Identification was made and the dog was transported back to its home on Timber Lane, SW.

Suspicious Event 25-02963 300 Block Maple Avenue, East April 3 6:35 p.m.

A citizen reported two drivers on dirt bikes traveling westbound on Maple Avenue at high speeds, driving between vehicles, and punching side-view mirrors of cars as they passed. There was no damage caused to the citizen's vehicle and he did not wish to pursue charges. Neither of the vehicles had license plates. The drivers had left the area before officers arrived.

Police Service 25-02969 Walgreens 225 Maple Avenue, East April 3 9:11 p.m.

The manager of the store requested assistance in trespassing a man from the premises. The man was advised that he would be arrested if he returned to the store.

## CASE UPDATES

None.

## **CRASHES**

#### 141 Park Street, SE 25-01912

## March 3 12:00 p.m.

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

## Church Street and Park Street, NE 25-02384

## March 18 11:50 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked on Park Street near Church Street, NE. Vehicle-1 was on Church Street, made a wide turn onto Park Street, and struck Vehicle-2.

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

#### Maple Avenue and Nutley Street, SW 25-02602

## March 21 4:00 p.m.

Two vehicles were turning left from Maple Avenue onto Nutley Street, SW. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

## Courthouse Road, SW near Maple Avenue, West 25-02867

#### March 31 5:12 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped at the traffic light on Courthouse Road at Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was exiting the parking lot of 180 Maple Avenue, turning right onto Courthouse, and attempting to merge into the left turn lane for Maple Avenue when it struck Vehicle-2.

#### 112 Tapawingo Road, SW 25-02869

#### March 31 7:38 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was parked on Tapawingo Road. Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Tapawingo, swerved to the right to avoid an oncoming truck, and struck the side view mirror of Vehicle-2.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Driving Without an Operator's License in Possession.

#### 700 Block Park Street, SE 25-02884

#### April 1 12:27 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling southbound on Park Street. Vehicle-2 stopped in traffic. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

## Beulah Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, NE 25-2915 April 2 11:59 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Ayr Hill Avenue. Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Beulah Road. Vehicle-3 was traveling southbound on Beulah Road. Vehicle-1 disregarded the stop sign at the intersection and struck both Vehicle-2 and Vehicle-3. Vehicle-2 lost control and struck a pedestrian signal.

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

# 308 Maple Avenue, East 25-2923 April 2 5:35 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was attempting to turn left from the parking lot at 308 Maple Avenue, East. Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound in the left lane when Vehicle-1 struck the right front corner. Vehicle-1 stopped. Vehicle-2 left the area without stopping.

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

## <u>CITIZEN NOTES</u>

#### Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department



**September 12, 2023** 

**Alert Number** 

I-091223-PSA

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 <a href="https://takeitdown.ncmec.org">https://takeitdown.ncmec.org</a>.

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.

<sup>1</sup>SWAT 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.

<sup>2</sup>DOX also referred to as DOXXING is the action of obtaining and publishing personally identifiable information (PII) on the internet, usually for malicious intent.

<sup>2</sup>Fansigning is writing or cutting specific numbers, letters, symbols, or names onto your body.



#### **Vienna Police Department**



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 <a href="https://www.emergencyprofile.org/">https://www.emergencyprofile.org/</a>.

