

## VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

April 11, 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 April 4, 2025 to April 10, 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**

Grand Larceny 25-03167 Brooke Rental Center 321 Mill Street, NE December 11 5 :00 p.m.

The owner reported that a customer rented equipment that was due to be returned on December 11, 2024. The owner has attempted to contact the customer repeatedly; however, the man has not returned his calls.

#### Arrest – Alcohol Violation 25-03012 100 Block Lawyers Road, NW April 4 11:36 p.m.

An officer observed a traffic violation and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, they observed an open container of alcohol next to him in the vehicle. The driver showed no signs of impairment.

Ofc. Thompson issued a summons to the 30-year-old man from Century Drive in Alexandria, Virginia charging Open Container of Alcohol in a Vehicle. The man was released on his signature.

#### Suspicious Event 25-03031 Caffe Amouri 107 Church Street, NE April 5 10:20 a.m.

A resident reported an incident that occurred at the restaurant earlier in the day while she was waiting in line with her family. She advised a man began aggressively tapping her on the shoulder to tell her to move forward, which reaggravated a previous shoulder injury.

#### Animal Case – Quarantine 25-03073 400 Block Windover Court, NW April 6 12:00 p.m.

A resident was breaking up a fight between her two dogs when one of them accidentally bit her. The resident was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

Suspicious Event 25-03052 McDonalds 544 Maple Avenue, West April 6 3:37 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of two drivers involved in an altercation in the parking lot. A witness advised both vehicles left the scene before the officer arrived. One of the drivers returned to the parking lot and advised the officer that the driver of the other vehicle approached him while he was in the drive-through line and began yelling at him. No physical altercation occurred.

#### Animal Case – Quarantine 25-03081 600 Block Kingsley Road, SW April 7 3:20 p.m.

A resident was walking her dog when two other dogs approached and one of them bit her dog on the ear leaving a minor injury. An officer spoke to the owner of the two dogs and advised him of the 10-day quarantine. ACO Barker will follow up on this case.

#### Natural Death 25-03114 100 Block Battle Street, SW April 8 2:20 p.m.

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

#### Suspicious Person 25-03121 Cunningham Park Elementary School 1001 Park Street, SE April 8 5:35 p.m. A citizen reported that he observed a suspicious man taking pictures in the back parking lot of the school.

Found Property 25-03146 700 Block Nutley Street, SW April 9 1:39 a.m. A DoorDash driver turned in a wallet he found while delivering food.

#### Destruction of Property 25-03178 200 Block Commons Drive, NW April 9 7:53 a.m.

A resident reported that the driver's side window of his vehicle was broken while it was parked in the parking lot. Nothing appeared to have been taken from the vehicle.

Police Service 25-03154 100 Block Elmar Drive, SE April 9 9:43 a.m. A resident turned in a firearm for destruction.

Assist EMS 25-03195 Inova GoHealth Urgent Care 180 Maple Avenue, West April 10 12:19 p.m.

A man who checked himself into the medical facility for suspected narcotic usage was becoming aggravated with rescue personnel. The man calmed down and was transported by rescue personnel to an area hospital for further treatment.

#### Suspicious Event 25-03201 H&R Block 157 Glyndon Street, SE April 10 2:45 p.m.

A woman called for police assistance advising that an employee at H&R Block assaulted her. She explained to the officer that when she arrived, the employee shook her hand firmly, which aggravated a previous injury. The employee advised the woman became disorderly when she couldn't pay for their tax services. The woman was advised of the warrant process should she wish to pursue charges.

#### Arrest – Solicitor 25-03202 500 Block Mashie Drive, SE April 10 3:00 p.m.

Officers responded to a solicitor who was acting aggressively toward a resident. After speaking with the solicitor, the officer found the man did not have a solicitor's license.

Sgt. Sheeran issued a summons to the 34-year-old man from Lowery Street in Chester, South Carolina charging Soliciting Without a Town Permit. The man was released on his signature.

## CASE UPDATES

None.

## **CRASHES**

#### Park Street and Dominion Road, SE 25-02860 March 31 2:24 p.m.

A witness observed Vehicle-1 driving recklessly, rapidly accelerating, and striking the pedestrian crossing sign posted in the middle of the roadway. Vehicle-1 fled the scene without stopping.

### 300 Block Maple Avenue, East 25-03070

#### April 7 8:51 a.m.

Two vehicles were traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue in the same lane. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

## 700 Block Kingsley Road, SW 25-03107

#### April 8 7:55 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was eastbound on Kingsley Road, SW. Vehicle-1 was backing out of a driveway when the struck Vehicle-2.

## Nutley Street and Tapawingo Road, SW 25-03119

#### April 8 4:18 p.m.

Vehicle-2 (a pick-up truck with a trailer hauling an Arrowboard traffic signaling device) was legally parked. Vehicle-1 (a box truck) was turning from Nutley Street onto eastbound Tapawingo Road when it struck the Arrowboard trailer causing damage.

#### Cottage Street and Yeonas Drive, SW 25-03153

#### April 9 9:03 a.m.

Two vehicles were traveling southbound on Cottage Street. Driver-1 stated that she slowed with her left turn signal on to turn into a driveway when Vehicle-2 attempted to pass her on the left and they collided. Driver-2 stated that Vehicle-1 attempted to make a U-turn on the road without a signal when the vehicles collided.

#### 386 Maple Avenue, East 25-03173 April 9 5:12 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound in the turn lane of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was exiting the parking lot of 386 Maple Avenue when the two vehicles collided.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Stop When Entering a Highway.

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

## **CITIZEN NOTES**



## Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

#### PFC Irving Rodriguez receives American Legion Police Officer of the Year Award



Pictured above (Left): Post Commander David Wallace, (Right): Major Daniel Janickey, and (Center): PFC Irving Rodriguez, who received the American Legion Post 180's 2025 "Vienna Police Officer of the Year Award" during a ceremony on April 2.

PFC Rodriguez has built a distinguished career in law enforcement, showcasing his dedication to service and commitment to excellence. He holds certifications as a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Officer, General Instructor, and Firearms Instructor, demonstrating versatility and leadership in each role. As a CIT Officer, he effectively deescalated situations involving individuals in mental health crises through empathy and tactical communication. His work as a General Instructor allowed him to impart critical law enforcement knowledge, while his Firearms Instructor role enhanced officer readiness and safety in challenging scenarios.

Additionally, PFC Rodriguez serves as a Field Training Officer, having mentored and guided three officers to full certification. Over twelve weeks, he provided hands-on training in officer safety, citizen interactions, investigations, traffic enforcement, and report writing, directly shaping the future of the Vienna Police Department.

One of PFC Rodriguez's most notable accomplishments was his successful de-escalation of a suicidal individual armed with a knife. By using de-escalation techniques, he and his squad ensured the individual's safe transport to medical care and prevented any harm to bystanders. This incident highlights his professionalism, courage, and dedication to safeguarding lives while fostering community trust.

Please contact MPO Juan Vazquez for further information at: Juan.vazquez@viennava.gov or 703-255-7845



## Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

## Vienna Police Department to Participate in the DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative

## Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In conjunction with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and state and local law enforcement agencies, the Vienna Police Department will again participate in a one-day initiative to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from area homes.

On April 26, 2025, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., the Vienna Police Department will have a collection site for old, expired, unused, or unwanted medications. Prescription medications, controlled or non-controlled substances, and over-the-counter drugs may be turned in anonymously at the collection point in front of the Vienna Police Department located at 215 Center Street, South, Vienna, Virginia 22180.

Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing it and disposing of it directly into the collection box. If an original container is used, the individual should consider removing any identifying information from the prescription label. Liquid products should remain sealed in their original container to prevent leakage.

DEA will collect vape pens or other e-cigarette devices from consumers only after the batteries are removed. It is important to stress that the DEA is not responsible for removing batteries from the devices.

Intravenous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted due to associated hazards (The only exemption is EpiPens).

Commercial businesses, pharmacies, or other medical facilities may not use this to discard expired medications or medical waste.

For DEA Authorized Collectors that provide year-round drop-off locations to the public to dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals, go to <u>Controlled Substance Public Disposal Locations</u>.

For further information, please contact: MPO Juan Vazquez - Town of Vienna Police Department Juan.vazquez@viennava.gov or 703-255-7845

#### 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 SWAT<sup>1</sup> or DOX<sup>2</sup> 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 fansigning<sup>3</sup>. 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 www.cybertipline.org)

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>3</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 <u>https://www.emergencyprofile.org/</u>.

