

VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

April 25, 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 11, 2025 to April 17, 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>)

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.

Suspicious Event 25-3515 200 Block Pleasant Street, SW Between March 2 at 12:00 p.m.

Between March 2 at 12:00 p.m. and April 19 at 3:10 p.m. A resident reported that she is having an ongoing problem with trash containing vape products from the

Tobacco King at 332 Maple Avenue West being dumped in her yard. An officer spoke to a manager at the store who had reviewed the store's security video and had not found any violations being committed. The resident was advised that this was a civil matter she could pursue with the Zoning Department if the problem continues.

Juvenile Case 25-03158 Olympian Circle, SW April 9 11:43 a.m.

A detective followed up on a case from Child Protective Services that may have involved domestic violence between a resident and their teenage child. The detective spoke to both parties and found that the incident involved a verbal dispute, and no crime occurred.

Juvenile Case 25-03220 Westbriar Drive, NE April 11 7:00 a.m.

A detective followed up on a case from Child Protective Services that may have involved domestic violence between a resident and their juvenile children. After reviewing the case, it was determined that no crime occurred.

Arrest - Emotionally Disturbed Person and Assault on Police Officer 25-03395 Courthouse Circle, SW

April 15 11:46 p.m.

Officers responded to a home to serve an Emergency Custody Order on a resident. When officers arrived, the woman attempted to flee from the house and began striking, kicking, and spitting on one of the officers. Rescue personnel responded to treat the officer's minor injuries.

PFC Stroh transported the 36-year-old woman from Courthouse Circle, SW, Vienna to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where she was charged with three counts of Felony Assault on a Police Officer and a misdemeanor charge of Obstruction of Justice.

Stolen Vehicle 25-03452 1000 Block Westbriar Drive, NE April 17 10:27 p.m.

An employee with a private car dealership was on a test drive with a client. The client suddenly turned onto Westbriar Drive and stopped the vehicle. Another vehicle had been following behind them. The client forced the employee out of the vehicle, the passenger from the following vehicle got into the car, and the two vehicles fled the area. The employee was not injured during the car theft. The vehicle was later located by police in Howard County, Maryland.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 25-03490 Princeton Terrace, SW April 18 9:06 p.m.

A resident obtained an Emergency Custody Order for his son. An officer transported the man to a medical facility, where he was evaluated, and a Temporary Detention Order was issued. The officer then transported the man to an area hospital for treatment.

Police Service 25-03492 1400 Block Cottage Street, SW April 18 10:33 p.m. An officer served a protective order on a resident.

Suspicious Event 25-03496 McDonald's 544 Maple Avenue, West April 19 12:06 a.m.

The parents of four teenage girls reported an incident that happened between the girls and approximately 8 teenage boys inside the restaurant, where both parties began throwing drinks at one another. The girls reported that the boys then attempted to block them from leaving the parking lot, but they were able to exit without further incident.

Temporary Detention Order 25-03518 Fairfax Hospital 3300 Gallows Road Falls Church, Virginia April 19 3:37 p.m.

A resident went to Fairfax Hospital for a mental health evaluation. After her evaluation, the resident did not want further treatment, and a Temporary Detention Order was issued. An officer responded and served the order on the resident.

Suspicious Event 25-03517 Italian Gourmet 505 Maple Avenue, West April 19 4:05 p.m.

An employee reported that two men attempted to use fraudulent cash to make a purchase. The men left the premises when the sale was denied.

Animal Case 25-03575 100 Block Pleasant Street, NW April 21 10:29 a.m.

An officer responded with the Animal Control Officer for the report of an injured deer that was entangled in a fence. The officers found the deer was gravely injured and euthanized the animal.

Police Service 25-03579 500 Block Gibson Drive, SW April 21 1:05 p.m. A resident turned in firearms for destruction.

Suspicious Event 25-03603 300 Block Maple Avenue, West April 21 at 7:30 p.m.

On April 22, a woman reported an incident from the previous night when she was outside of her office waiting for her ride. The woman advised that she was approached by a man who solicited her for sex. The woman ran back into her office. Coworkers searched the area but were unable to locate the man.

Suspicious Event 25-03588 124 Branch Road, SE April 21 7:45 p.m.

A staff member reported that a man arrived late for a class. When he was advised he would not be permitted to join the class, he became belligerent with the staff and then left the business.

Suspicious Event 25-03637 200 Block Locust Street, SE April 23 2:34 a.m.

An officer was on patrol when he observed four suspicious individuals who immediately began running from the officer when they saw him. The officer stopped three of the individuals, the fourth fled the area. One of the individuals was an adult, the other two were juveniles. The adult was identified and released without incident. The parents of the two juveniles were notified, and they were both released to their guardians.

Arrest – Summons Service 25-03663 400 Block Kramer Drive, SE

April 23 3:38 p.m.

The Town of Vienna Zoning Inspector obtained a summons for a resident for violation of the Town's Zoning code. Ofc. Dworznik served the summons on the 39-year-old woman from Kramer Drive, SE, Vienna.

Assault 25-03671 200 Block Locust Street, SE April 24 12:36 a.m.

A resident reported that a friend assaulted him. The man left the area before officers arrived. The resident was advised of the warrant process should he wish to pursue charges.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 25-03700 200 Block Locust Street, SE April 24 11:52 p.m.

A citizen requested assistance with her son, who was experiencing emotional issues, acting disorderly, and destroying property inside his apartment. The man calmed down after speaking to officers, and no further assistance was needed.

Petit Larceny 25-03703
7-11
427 Maple Avenue, East
April 24 12:57 p.m.
An employee reported that a woman took a few items from the store and left without paying for them.

CASE UPDATES

None.

CRASHES

423 Maple Avenue, East 25-03523April 19 5:40 p.m.Vehicle-1 struck a Town bench when it was exiting the parking lot of 423 Maple Avenue, East.

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

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

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

