

# VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

May 9, 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 May 2, 2025 to May 8, 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**

Sex Offense 25-3616

**Cunningham Park Elementary School** 

1001 Park Street, SE

Between June 1, 2016 12:00 a.m. and July 31, 2016 12:00 a.m.

An employee reported an incident of unwanted physical contact involving another employee. The matter was investigated by CIS. Upon conclusion of the investigation, the case was closed and prosecution was declined.

Fraud 25-3739

**Vienna Police Department** 

April 25 4:00 p.m.

A town resident reported receiving a call from a man claiming to be with the Vienna Police Department about a sex trafficking case. The caller demanded \$5,000, offering a discount for payment over the phone, and threatened arrest if the resident hung up. The citizen was informed that this was a scam, as police officers never ask for money to settle arrest warrants.

Fraud 25-3745

**Vienna Police Department** 

April 25 between 4:32 p.m. and 5:02 p.m.

A town resident received a call from a man pretending to be from the Vienna Police Department regarding a child pornography case. The caller demanded \$5,000, but when the victim couldn't pay the full amount, he accepted a \$1,000 deposit via Zelle. The victim was told to stay in daily contact until the full amount was paid. The citizen was later informed it was a scam, as police never ask for money to settle arrest warrants.

Elude Police 25-04082

412 Maple Avenue, East

April 26 between 2:35 a.m. and 2:55 a.m.

A vehicle was observed traveling at 91 miles per hour in a posted 30 mph zone by officers conducting stationary radar enforcement. When officers initiated a traffic stop using emergency equipment, the driver failed to yield and continued without stopping. The juvenile was later identified, and charges are currently pending.

Fraud 25-3874

**Vienna Police Department** 

April 29 1:00 p.m.

A town resident reported receiving a call from a man claiming to be with the Vienna Police Department about a prostitution case. The caller demanded \$5,000 and threatened arrest if the resident hung up. The citizen was informed that this was a scam, as police officers never ask for money to settle arrest warrants.

## **Animal Case 25-04137**

## 400 Block Macarthur Avenue, NE

May 2 12:00 p.m.

A town resident sustained a bite to her left wrist while petting a dog. The dog has been placed under a standard ten-day quarantine for observation.

## Petit Larceny 24-04008

Wawa

465 Maple Avenue, West

May 2 11:52 p.m.

A woman reported that her electric bike was stolen from Wawa, where she left it unlocked. The bike was located, broken, in the parking lot of Carnegie Diner at 501 Maple Avenue, West.

## **Animal Case 25-04013**

400 Block Welles Street, SE

May 3 10:18 a.m.

An officer responded to the report of a sick fox. The officer found the fox was in grave condition and euthanized the animal.

## **Animal Case 25-04014**

**TD Bank** 

308 Maple Avenue, East

May 3 10:23 a.m.

An officer responded to the report of an injured deer. The officer found the deer was in grave condition and euthanized the animal.

## Police Service 25-04028 500 Block Kibler Circle, SW

May 3 4:28 p.m.

An officer responded to the home of a resident who had been reported as possibly missing to the Washington DC Metropolitan Police. The resident was in DC with her family when she went missing. While officers were at the home, the resident returned. The officers found she did not need any medical attention or further assistance. The Metropolitan Police were advised that the resident was safely located.

#### Fraud 25-04029

600 Block Niblick Drive, SE

May 3 7:22 p.m.

A resident reported that someone opened two financial accounts using his personal information.

Juvenile Case 25-04030 Crumbl Cookie 203 Maple Avenue, East May 3 8:07 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of two juveniles who were on the roof of the business. The officers instructed the juveniles to come down off the roof. Once off the roof, the officers notified their parents, who responded to the scene, and the juveniles were released to their custody.

Exposure 25-4032 100 Block Patrick Street, SE May 3 8:42 p.m.

A town resident saw a suspicious man in her building's laundry room. After returning with more clothes, she caught him stuffing her undergarments into his pants while rubbing himself. She ran out and asked someone to call the police, but the man fled before they arrived. The victim did not wish to press charges.

Juvenile Case 25-04034 600 Block Truman Circle, SW May 3 9:53 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a reckless driver in the area of Meadow Lane and Truman Circle. The vehicle left the area before officers arrived. The officers were able to obtain the vehicle owner's information and proceeded to his home to further investigate. The vehicle owner advised that his juvenile son was driving the car, and he notified his son to come home and speak with the officers. The owner advised that he would be taking corrective action with his son. No charges will be pursued by the officers at this time.

Suspicious Event 25-04046 400 Block Council Drive, NE May 4 4:27 p.m.

A woman reported that she had been staying with friends after she was granted a protective order against her boyfriend. Both parties are on the rental lease for the home. When she returned home to retrieve her belongings, she found her boyfriend had changed the locks. An officer contacted the boyfriend to assist the woman in retrieving her property.

Emotionally Disturbed Person and Accident Report 25-04047 Albea Court, NE May 4 4:50 p.m.

A juvenile became upset after an argument with their father. The juvenile got into their vehicle and drove the car into a tree in the yard, attempting to harm themselves. The juvenile was transported to an area hospital by rescue personnel for physical and mental evaluation and treatment.

Petit Larceny 25-04052 200 Block Mashie Drive, SE May 4 8:18 p.m.

A citizen reported a license plate was stolen from their vehicle.

Found Property 25-04074 1000 Block Ware Street, SW May 5 12:12 p.m.

A resident turned in two bullets for destruction.

Arrest – Domestic Assault 25-04077 Lewis Street, NW May 5 12:20 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a fight between two adult siblings. One of the sisters was located on the front porch, suffering from an injury to her head. The other sister had left the scene. Rescue personnel responded and treated the resident, however, she refused to be transported to the hospital. The sister returned home and was placed under arrest.

Ofc. Ebrahimi transported the 48-year-old woman from Lewis Street, NW in Vienna to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where she was charged with Domestic Assault, and an Emergency Protective Order was served on her.

Assault 25-04119 Ross Drive SW

May 5 between 3:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m.

A town resident reported having occasional verbal and, at times, physical altercations with his on-and-off girlfriend since 2023. He did not wish to pursue charges or a protective order but requested the incident be documented for precautionary purposes.

Animal Case 25-04108 900 Block Park Street, SE May 6 12:22 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of an injured deer. The officer found the deer was in grave condition and euthanized the animal.

Domestic Assault 25-04110 Lewis Street, NW

May 6 between 2:00 p.m. and 2:18 p.m.

Officers responded to a residence to serve a releasable summons obtained by one family member against another for an assault and battery incident. Officer Ebrahimi arrested a 43-year-old woman from Lewis Street NW in Vienna, Virginia. The woman was released on her signature, in accordance with the terms of the summons.

# **CASE UPDATES**

None.

## **CRASHES**

200 Maple Avenue, SE 25-02870

March 31 7:00 p.m.

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

## 100 Block Maple Avenue, East 25-03921

April 30 3:35 p.m.

Two vehicles were eastbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2 when they suddenly changed into their lane.

## 140 Church Street, NW 25-04015

May 3 11:20 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was eastbound on Church Street, NW. Vehicle-1 was turning left onto Church Street and collided with Vehicle-2.

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

## 359 Maple Avenue, East 25-04016

May 3 11:24 a.m.

Vehicle 1 was reversing out of a parking space when the driver observed Vehicle 2 also begin to reverse from a nearby space. In response, Driver 1 stopped and sounded the horn to alert Driver 2. Despite the warning, Driver 2 continued reversing and sideswiped the rear bumper and trunk of Vehicle 1. Driver 2 then fled the scene without stopping.

## **538 Maple Avenue, West 25-04042**

May 4 12:50 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was eastbound on Maple Avenue. Vehicle-2 was pulling a trailer and was exiting a parking lot to turn right onto Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 pulled forward and struck the trailer of Vehicle-2.

# Hit and Run / Lawyers Road, NW / Malcolm Road , NW 25-04120 May 6 7:02 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was stopped at a stop sign waiting on a turning vehicle. Vehicle-2 rear ended Vehicle-1. Driver-1 signaled to driver-2 to make the next right turn to exchange information. Vehicle-2 fled the scene.

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

# **CITIZEN NOTES**



## **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: <a href="https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices">www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices</a>

#### 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 $^1$  or DOX $^2$  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 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 <a href="www.ic3.gov">www.ic3.gov</a>

- 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 https://www.emergencyprofile.org/.

