



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

May 16, 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 9, 2025 to May 15, 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

Juvenile 25-03446

Giant

359 Maple Avenue, East

April 1 between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

A juvenile reported to his parents that an adult had allegedly made inappropriate physical contact with him several weeks prior. Following a thorough investigation conducted by the Criminal Investigations Section in coordination with Child Protective Services (CPS), it was determined that the reported incident did not occur, and that the allegation had been fabricated by the juvenile.

Sexual Battery 25-03620

Church Street, NW

April 16 between 8:40 a.m. and 9:05 a.m.

A customer reported an incident involving alleged inappropriate physical contact by an employee during a class. The matter was thoroughly investigated by the Criminal Investigations Section. Based on the findings, there was insufficient evidence to support a charge of sexual battery.

Fraud 25-04190

100 Block Melody Lane, SW

Between May 7 10:30 a.m. and May 8 1:54 p.m.

A resident reported that an unknown individual had used her personal information to open a fraudulent Verizon account.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 25-04183

500 Block Niblick Drive, SE

May 8 11:27 a.m.

Officers responded to the residence to conduct a welfare check on the occupant. Following their interaction with the individual, it was mutually agreed that the resident would voluntarily proceed to a nearby medical facility for a medical evaluation.

Telephone Case 25-04185

Vienna Police Department

215 Center Street, S

May 8 11:40 a.m.

An individual reported receiving a phone call from someone claiming to be a police officer with the Vienna Police Department. The caller repeatedly questioned the individual about a missing juvenile and made threatening remarks. Suspecting the call to be a scam, the individual disconnected and contacted the Vienna Police Department directly. He was then informed that the call was indeed fraudulent, and that the department's phone number had been spoofed.

Brandishing a Firearm 25-04186

WOD / Whole Foods

May 8 12:19 p.m.

A report was received indicating that an individual riding a bicycle on the W&OD Trail stopped near Bear Branch Tavern and began yelling at customers. The individual then allegedly brandished a firearm, pointed it at the reporting party, and subsequently left the scene.

Property Found 25-04194

Vienna Police Department

215 Center Street, S

May 8 3:00 p.m.

A town employee turned in a found cell phone to the Vienna Police Department.

Property Found 25-04193

300 Block Maple Avenue, East

May 8 3:24 p.m.

A person turned in a found wallet to the Vienna Police Department.

Assault 24-04198

400 Block of Maple Avenue, East

May 8 4:03 p.m.

A woman reported an incident involving unwelcome physical contact by an individual at her workplace.

Emotionally Disturbed Person 25-04211

500 Block Princeton Terrace, SW

May 8 10:58 p.m.

Officers responded to a report of an emotionally disturbed person. Upon arrival, they identified the individual and promptly assessed the situation. The emotionally disturbed person was taken into custody without incident and transported to a nearby medical facility for evaluation and treatment by healthcare professionals.

Petit Larceny 25-04228

ABC Store

419 Maple Avenue, East

May 9 4:22 p.m.

A man took several liquor bottles from the store without paying for them.

Suspicious Event 25-04231

Locust Street, SE

May 9 between 5:08 p.m. and 5:09 p.m.

A town resident reported that an unknown individual had spray-painted her door lock and security camera.

Police Service 25-04380

500 Block Kingsley Road, SW

May 10 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that his ex-wife entered his residence and took documents belonging to him without permission.

Destruction of Property 25-04296

500 Block Orchard Street, NW

May 11 4:04 p.m.

A resident reported discovering a tear in the window screen on the second floor of his residence, along with a Chick-fil-A wrapper bearing an unfamiliar name.

Suspicious Event 25-04297

Jammin' Java

227 Maple Avenue, East

May 11 between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Officers were dispatched in response to a report of suspected stolen merchandise found behind a local business. The recovered items were collected and secured in the Vienna Police Department property room.

Parking Enforcement 25-04329

100 Block Patrick Street, SE

May 12 between 11:30 a.m. and 1:23 p.m.

A town resident requested police assistance regarding a vehicle parked too closely, making contact with their bumper. The improperly parked vehicle was relocated, and no visible damage was observed on either vehicle.

Assist Fire/EMS 25-04330

Navy Federal Credit Union

820 Follin Lane, SE

May 12 between 1:30 p.m. and 1:50 p.m.

Officers responded to a report of an elderly employee who had collapsed and was experiencing difficulty breathing. CPR was in progress upon their arrival, and the individual was transported to a nearby hospital in life-threatening condition.

Arrest – Drunk in Public 25-04340

Cedar Lane Shopping Center

282 Block Cedar Lane, SE

May 12 7:32 p.m.

Officers responded to a report of a shirtless man in a parking lot who was yelling and throwing objects at business windows, alarming customers inside. Upon contact, officers observed signs of impairment and detected a strong odor of alcohol. The individual was arrested for Drunk In Public.

Officer Vance transported the 45-year-old Vienna resident from Patrick Street, SE, to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where he was charged for Drunk In Public and remanded to the custody of the Fairfax County Sheriff.

Suspicious Event 25-04360

Vienna Elementary School

128 Center Street, S

May 13 between 3:25 p.m. and 3:45 p.m.

School staff requested police presence after observing four young individuals dressed in black on school grounds during dismissal. The subjects left the area in a gray Acura prior to officers' arrival.

Open Door 25-04390

Leslie's Pool Supplies

412 Maple Avenue, East

May 14 6:20 p.m.

A customer unintentionally activated the alarm after entering the store, unaware it was closed due to the front door being left unlocked. Officers conducted a search of the premises with no signs of criminal activity. The business owner was notified.

CASE UPDATES

None.

CRASHES

Nutley Street, NW / Knoll 25-04177

May 8 8:27 a.m.

Both vehicles were traveling south on Nutley St NW toward Maple Ave W. Vehicle 1 stopped at the intersection with Knoll St NW, and Vehicle 2 failed to stop, rear-ending Vehicle 1.

Hit and Run - 513 Maple Avenue, West 25-04230

May 9 6:35 p.m.

Vehicle 1 was stopped in a parking lot when Vehicle 2 backed out of a space and struck its rear driver-side door. Vehicle 2 then left the scene.

Maple Avenue, East / Center Street, S. 25-04239

May 9 10:11 p.m.

Vehicle 1 was turning left from westbound Maple Ave E onto Center St. S, while Vehicle 2 was traveling eastbound on Maple Ave W. Both had green lights, but Vehicle 1 failed to yield and was struck by Vehicle 2.

Driver 1 was charged with failure to yield the right of way.

304 Maple Avenue, West 25-04258

May 10 11:21 a.m.

Vehicle 1 was exiting a parking lot at 304 Maple Ave W, attempting a left turn across heavy traffic. It entered the northbound left lane and was struck by Vehicle 2, which was traveling northbound. No injuries were reported.

512 Maple Avenue, West 25-04261

May 10 2:10 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was stopped at a red light on Maple Ave, W at Nutley St SW when it was rear-ended by Vehicle-1.

Driver 1 was charged with failure to pay full time and attention.

544 Maple Avenue, West 25-04271

May 10 8:50 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was driving east on an access road near 544 Maple Ave W when Vehicle-1 turned onto the access road from Maple Ave W and struck Vehicle-2 from the side.

**Please contact MPO Juan Vazquez for further information on any of these cases at
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CITIZEN NOTES



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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 re-victimization. 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 multi-factor 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 www.ic3.gov
- 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 <https://www.emergencyprofile.org/>.

