

VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

May 30, 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 23, 2025 to May 29, 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.

INCIDENTS

Destruction of Property 25-004811 Emmaus United Church of Christ

900 Maple Avenue, East

Between April 6 at 12:00 p.m. and May 24 at 12:00 p.m.

An employee reported that the public access pantries in front of the Church are repeatedly being tampered with and destroyed.

Fraud 25-004864 100 Block Mendon Lane, SW Between May 17 at 12:00 p.m. and May 21 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident received a call from someone claiming to be from Verizon, advising that someone had hacked her account and ordered three cell phones. The resident allowed the caller access to her account, where he explained that he was rerouting the phones to her address so she could return them with a prepaid label. After she received the phones, she realized the call was a scam and returned the phones directly to the Verizon store, where her account was secured and refunded.

Animal Case – Quarantine 25-004653 300 Block Springwood Court, NE May 20 9:00 a.m.

A resident was accidentally bitten by her dog. The resident was advised of the 10-day quarantine.

Suspicious Event 25-004684

300 Block Center Street, North

Between May 21 at 12:00 p.m. and May 22 at 11:00 p.m.

A resident reported that she found a suspicious package in her mailbox. The package was wrapped in Christmas paper and duct tape and contained a book.

Shoplifting 25-004688

7-11 537 Maple Avenue, west May 23 8:00 a.m.

An employee reported that a man loaded four cases of water into his vehicle and left the area without paying for them.

Animal Case 25-004805 700 Block Plum Street, SW May 23 9:00 a.m.

On May 27, a resident reported that she was walking her dog on Plum Street when it was bitten by another dog, causing minor injury. The owner of the attacking dog called his dog back. The dog is current with its vaccinations.

Animal Case 25-004687 9100 Block Dellwood Drive May 23 9:45 a.m.

ACO Barker responded to the report of a fight involving two dogs on Yeonas Drive near Dellwood Drive. He located a man who had control of one of the dogs. The man advised that he and his wife were walking their dog when a stray dog attacked their dog. His wife had taken their dog to the vet for treatment. The incident occurred outside our jurisdiction, and Fairfax County Animal Control was notified. ACO Barker located the other dog's owner, who reported their dog had accidentally gotten loose and they had been searching for her. The dogs' owners' information was exchanged, and the report was forwarded to Fairfax County to follow up.

Shoplifting 25-004840 7-11 537 Maple Avenue, West May 23 12:00 p.m.

On May 28, an employee reported a shoplifting that occurred on May 23 when a male entered the store, concealed two bottles of wine, and left the store without paying for them.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 25-004707 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

May 23 8:44 p.m.

A citizen reported a vehicle being driven recklessly. A short time later, an officer observed the vehicle on DeSale Street, SW. He observed the driver commit several traffic offenses and initiated a traffic stop. The driver continued driving onto Patrick Street and into the Cedar Lane Shopping Center parking lot before stopping. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, he detected signs of impairment. The driver failed to complete a series of field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest.

PFC Rodriguez transported the 24-year-old man from Spruce Street in Fairfax, Virginia, to the Vienna Police Station, where he provided a sample of his breath for analysis. He was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. While the officer was conducting an inventory of the man's property, he found narcotics in his wallet. The man was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and felony Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Correctional Facility.

Lost Property 25-004733 ViVa! Vienna! Church Street and Dominion Road, NE May 24 2:55 p.m. A citizen reported that they lost their cell phone at the festival Found Property 25-004735 ViVa! Vienna! Church Street and Mill Street, NE May 24 4:45 p.m. A citizen turned in a found credit card at the festival.

Shoplifting 25-004736 VA ABC Store 419 Maple Avenue, East May 24 5 :54 p.m.

An employee reported that a man entered the store, concealed two bottles of alcohol, and left the store without paying for them.

Arrest – Domestic Assault 25-004759 Beulah Road, NE May 24 11:17 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a domestic assault. An argument escalated between a husband and wife when the husband struck the wife in her face, causing injury. The woman was transported by rescue personnel to an area hospital for treatment.

Ofc. Temple arrested the 28-year-old man from Beulah Road, NE, in Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where he was charged with Domestic Assault, and an Emergency Protective Order was served on him.

Open Door 25-004777 American Legion 330 Center Street, North May 25 8:13 p.m.

Officers responding to an alarm found an unsecured door. The officers searched the building and found nothing that appeared suspicious. A member of the Legion responded to secure the building.

Animal Case 25-004785 600 Block Tapawingo Road, SW

Between May 25 at 9:00 p.m. and May 26 at 11:20 a.m.

An officer responded to a wildlife complaint. The resident advised that she noticed a sick fox in the backyard. They notified a wildlife refuge, which sent an employee to trap the animal and provide it with the appropriate medication.

Found Property 25-004795 ViVa! Vienna! Church Street, NW and Center Street, N May 26 7:06 p.m.

Various credit cards and identification were brought to the police station from the festival's lost and found.

Assault 25-004822 Giant Food 359 Maple Avenue, East May 27 5:09 p.m.

A resident got into a verbal altercation with an unknown man in the parking lot over a parking space. The altercation escalated when the man rapidly approached the woman. The man walked away when an employee intervened.

Fraud 25-004885 300 Block Locust Street, SE May 29 8:30 a.m.

A resident reported that someone attempted to access his bank account. The bank card was immediately cancelled, and there was no financial loss.

Suspicious Event 25-004886 100 Block Center Street, South May 29 between 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. A resident reported that someone placed a padlock on his front door handle.

Trespassing 25-004884 300 Block Branch Road, SE May 29 5:33 p.m.

A resident requested officers to respond to his home to trespass a man from his property. The man advised that he was the ex-boyfriend of the resident's au pair and that he was in the area to speak to her. The man was advised that he was trespassed from the premises and would be arrested if he returned.

CASE UPDATES

None.

CRASHES

Maple Avenue and Nutley Street, NW 25-004693

May 23 12:47 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue at the red traffic light for Nutley Street, SW. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2.

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

Park Street and Cherry Street, 23 25-004726 May 24 9:42 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Park Street. Vehicle-1 was attempting to turn left from Cherry Street onto northbound Park Street when the two vehicles collided.

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

300 Block Knoll Street, NW

May 29 9:11 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling southbound on Knoll Street, NW, when the driver struck a mailbox.

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

<u>CITIZEN NOTES</u>



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department

Media Information Release



The Vienna Police Department Launches Stop Sign Enforcement Campaign

The Vienna Police Department is launching its annual traffic safety campaign, focusing on enforcing all traffic laws, particularly those related to stop signs. Officers will be vigilant in issuing tickets and reminding drivers of the importance of coming to a complete stop when encountering a solid or flashing red light or a stop sign, ensuring they halt before entering the crosswalk, intersection, or stop line. In certain situations, such violations may be considered reckless driving and result in citations by the police.

Drivers caught violating stop signs or red-light regulations will face fines and receive three demerit points on their driving records. The Vienna Police Department urges all drivers to adopt a defensive and courteous approach on the road while adhering to all traffic regulations, thereby ensuring safe arrival at their destinations.

STOP MEANS STOP!

For Further Information please contact MPO Juan Vazquez- Town of Vienna Police Public Information Officer at 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>.

