

# VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

June 13, 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 June 6, 2025 to June 12 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**

Fraud 25-004129 700 Block Center Street, South Between April 10 at 2:00 p.m. and May 5 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that a check she had mailed was stolen, altered, and passed. This case was turned over to the United States Postal Inspector for investigation.

Fraud 25-003948 600 Block Plum Street, SW April 25 7:00 a.m.

A resident reported that someone used his personal information to create an eBay account and placed an order on his credit card.

Arrest - Grand Larceny 25-003864 Vienna Community Center 120 Cherry Street, SE April 27 1:25 p.m.

A vendor reported that several coins were stolen from him during the coin show. Through a joint investigation with other police agencies, detectives identified the man who stole the coins.

On May 20, Detective Hylinski obtained a felony warrant for the 21-year-old man from 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Elmhurst, New York, charging Grand Larceny. On May 21, the Lynchburg Police Department served the warrant on the man who was already being held in the Blue Ridge Regional Jail on charges from other jurisdictions.

Fraud 25-004019 Wardrobe Rescue 134 Church Street, NW May 3 9:30 a.m. An employee reported that a woman fraudulently used another person's credit card to purchase items.

### Arrest – Brandishing 25-004080 James H. Hayes Elks Lodge 250 Nutley Street, NW May 5 4:00 p.m.

A laborer reported that he was building a wooden fence around the parking lot of the Elks Lodge when he encountered a couple with three children and a dog. An argument began when the laborer requested that they keep the dog off the worksite, and it escalated when the man pulled out a handgun and pointed it at the laborer. The individuals then fled the area in two different vehicles.

On May 15, Detective Hylinski obtained two warrants for the 37-year-old man from Fenwood Avenue in Prince George's County, Maryland, charging Brandishing a Firearm Within 1000' of a School and Child Endangerment. On May 30, the man came to the Vienna Police Station, where the two warrants were served on him, and he was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

#### Lost Property 25-005155 Vienna Community Center 120 Cherry Street, SE June 4 between 2:40 c m and 3:30

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During an All-Night Grad Party at the community center, a partygoer reported losing their wallet and keys. They later called and advised that the wallet had been returned.

Shoplifting 25-0005309Virginia ABC StoreBetween June 4 at 4:48 p.m.On June 6, an employee reported that a couple entered the store and stole a bottle of alcohol on June 4.

#### Assist EMS 25-005270 100 Block Moore Avenue, SE June 6 3:24 a.m.

Officers responded with rescue personnel to 911 calls from a home. They spoke with a resident who called 911 rather than calling her caretaker. The resident appeared in good health and did not require any assistance.

Animal Case – Quarantine 25-005303 Hope Advanced Veterinary Center 140 Park Street, SE June 6 11:00 a.m.

Two technicians were bitten by a dog during a procedure. The dog was being released from the center to its owner, who resides in Fairfax County. The Fairfax County Animal Control will follow up on the 10-day quarantine.

### Animal Case 25-005305 800 Block Follin Lane, SE June 6 3:20 p.m.

A citizen found a dog at large. The dog had no tags or a chip to identify its owner. The dog was transported to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

### Animal Case 25-005310 200 Block Locust Street, SE June 6 6:44 p.m.

A dog was on a leash with its owner when it got loose and bit a resident. The resident was transported to an area hospital by rescue personnel for treatment. The owner of the dog was advised of the 10-day quarantine. ACO Barker will follow up on this report.

### Threats 25-005311 400 Block Hine Street, SE June 6 7:00 p.m.

A woman came to her mother's home to pick up her child. Other family members were at the home when the woman threatened her mother, assaulted her sister, and then left the area. The family did not wish to pursue charges. An officer explained the available options should they decide to seek assistance.

Found Property 25-005316 Orchard Street and Nutley Street, NW June 6 7:57 p.m. A resident found a car key on the sidewalk near the intersection.

### Assist Rescue 25-005314 Park Terrace Court, SE June 6 8:15 p.m.

Officers responded with rescue personnel for the report of a resident who had made some concerning statements to family and had taken more medication than she is prescribed. The resident was transported by rescue personnel to an area hospital for evaluation.

#### Suspicious Event 25-005339 200 Block Moore Avenue, SE

# June 7 2:37 a.m.

A resident reported that their daughter and her friend snuck out of the house. The girls were located a short time later.

Petit Larceny 25-005489 400 Block West Court, NW June 7 between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. A resident reported that their license plate was stolen from their vehicle.

### Domestic Dispute 25-005358 Hillcrest Drive, SW June 7 3:54 p.m.

Officers responded to a dispute between a resident and her husband. The resident was advised of the process to obtain a protective order should she decide to seek one.

### Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 25-005397 200 Block Church Street, NE June 8 12:16 a.m.

An officer observed a vehicle turn onto Park Street from Church Street with its headlights off and initiated a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the driver, he detected signs of impairment. The driver refused to perform a series of field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest.

PFC Rodriguez transported the 18-year-old man from Kingsley Road, SW Vienna, 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, where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

### Juvenile Case 25-005422 200 Block Moore Avenue, SE June 8 between 11:00 a.m. and 5:49 p.m.

A resident stated that her daughter left the house with a friend earlier in the day and had not yet returned home. The resident was able to reach the friend's mother, who was with her daughter, unaware that she did not have permission to be out. The daughter arrived home a few minutes later.

### Arrest – Narcotics Violation 25-005421 300 Block Maple Avenue, East June 8 2:50 p.m.

An officer responded to the report of individuals smoking marijuana in a vehicle in the shopping center parking lot. Upon the officer's interaction with the passenger in the vehicle, he found the man had marijuana in his possession and admitted to smoking it before the officer arrived.

PFC Ebrahimi issued a summons to the 24-year-old man from Store House Drive in Centreville, Virginia, charging Consuming Marijuana in Public. The man was released on his signature.

### Arrest – Domestic Assault 25-005435 Shepherdson Lane, SE June 8 8:45 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a domestic assault between a man and his mother and sister. It was determined that the man had assaulted both women, and he was placed under arrest. Neither woman required medical attention.

Ofc. Thompson arrested the 28-year-old man from Shepherdson Lane, NE, Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where he was charged with two counts of Domestic Assault, and Emergency Protective Orders were issued against him.

Shoplifting 25-005488 Giant Food 359 Maple Avenue, East June 9 4:15 p.m.

An employee reported that a customer became disorderly when speaking to an employee, and he left the store with a jar of pickles without paying for them.

### Suspicious Event 25-005506 300 Block Branch Road, SE June 9 11:41 p.m.

A resident reported that her ex-boyfriend was in the backyard trying to enter the house. She further advised that she had obtained a Temporary Protective Order against the man. However, the order had not yet been served on him. Officers located the man in the Branch Road Shopping Center and served the order.

### Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 25-005508 2500 Block Chain Bridge Road June 10 12:41 a.m.

An officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Maple Avenue and initiated a traffic stop. 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 Stroh transported the 43-year-old woman from Log Ridge Drive in Fairfax, Virginia, to the Vienna Police Station, where she failed to provide a sample of her breath for analysis. She was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where she provided a sample of her blood for analysis and was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Reckless Driving.

### Trespassing 25-005573 Panera Bread 136 Maple Avenue, West June 10 8:43 p.m.

An employee reported that a man was in the restaurant disrupting customers by yelling and talking to himself. At the request of the employee, the man was trespassed from the restaurant.

### Open Door 25-005581 100 Block Hickory Circle, SW June 10 10:55 p.m.

Officers responding to a residential alarm found an unsecured door. The officers found nothing suspicious and believed the family dog may have triggered the alarm.

Shoplifting 25-005609
Walgreens
225 Maple Avenue, East
June 11 1:23 p.m.
An employee reported that several juveniles stole alcohol from the store and fled the area.

### Arrest – Tobacco Violation 25-005634 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE June 11 9:45 p.m.

An officer observed two individuals in the parking lot and, upon her interaction with them, found they were in possession of tobacco products underage.

Ofc. Thompson issued a summons to the 19-year-old woman and the 18-year-old man, both from Casmar Street in Vienna, charging Possession of Tobacco Underage.

### CASE UPDATES

None.

## **CRASHES**

### 300 Block Maple Avenue, East 25-005115 June 3 3:00 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling westbound. Vehicle-2 was in the left lane. Vehicle-1 was in the right lane and attempted to merge into the left lane when the two vehicles collided.

### 100 Block Church Street, NW 25-005307

### June 6 1:00 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked. Vehicle-1 struck vehicle-2 and left the scene without providing their information.

### 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE 25-005424

### June 8 6:36 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked. Vehicle-1 struck vehicle-2 and left the scene without providing their information.

### 300 Block Maple Avenue, East 25-005663

### June 10 1:00 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was legally parked. Vehicle-1 struck vehicle-2 and left the scene without providing their information.

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 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>.

