



## **Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release**

### **Child Left Unattended at Patrick Henry Library**

On June 17, 2008 at approximately 1:25 p.m. officers from the Town of Vienna Police Department responded to the Patrick Henry Library located at Maple Avenue and Center Street. An employee of the library called to advise that a small child, 6 years of age, had been left unattended at the library.

The child reported to employees that his mother had dropped him off at the library and then left. Officers began talking to the child in an attempt to find out his name and place of residence. The child was able to provide his name but not his address nor his phone number. The child was able to provide limited information about his mother's place of business and further stated that he was not due to be picked up for 3 hours.

A Dispatcher with the Vienna Police Department made contact with the mother at the restaurant where she worked and asked her to respond to the library. The mother and father both came to the library and spoke with officers. Mrs. Mei Mei Lin, 37, of Lavender Mist Lane in Centreville, VA was charged with a violation of Code of Virginia 18.2-371; Cause Child to be Neglected Without Supervision.

Fairfax County Child Protective Services was contacted and will follow up on the case. The violation is a Class 1 Misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$2500.00 fine. Mrs. Lin was released on a summons and the child was released to the father's custody.

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