



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 07.07.17-07.14.17

We had a scam out of Nowthen this week that we wanted to share with you. It isn't as much about the scam as it is about having tough conversations with the people in your life who may be more vulnerable to becoming a victim. Below is the report:

On 07/10/2017 I was dispatched a phone call regarding a fraud report. When returning the call, I learned that the victim's son believes his mother has been scammed for about \$300,000. He stated that he is on his way to his mother's home with his siblings and was wondering if I could stop by.

Upon arriving I made contact with the caller and his family. While speaking with the group I learned that the victim has been giving money to a group of people. They figured the victim had given them around \$280,000.

Upon speaking with the victim, she stated that this started with her stamp collection and these people were going to help her sell the stamps. The victim stated that she started sending money to "Peter and Gretchen" over the last year, and before that, money was sent to "Ira and Josh." The victim knew that "Ira and Josh" were from New York and "Peter and Gretchen" are in Las Vegas. The victim stated that "Peter and Gretchen" are setting up a high-interest account with the money she sent them. The victim stated that "Peter and Gretchen" are supposed to come tomorrow and go to a bank with her on Wednesday.

I continued to speak with the victim, she stated that she would send cash to "Peter and Gretchen" in a box via FedEx. She then showed me FedEx slips and the address she sent them to. While looking at bank records and FedEx slips, I found that the victim sent \$25,000 to "Gretchen" last week. In June, she had sent them another \$25,000 and a computer.

The victim and her family are also concerned about two timeshares the victim owns and is trying to sell, as well as the 28 vacation packages the victim recently purchased.

Talking to family members about this type of thing is so important and we understand it may be uncomfortable. AARP has some great information on how to broach the topic – you can find their advice here: <http://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-08-2013/protect-your-parents-from-scams.html>

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 07.10 151xx Bluebird St NW – vandalism to a vehicle; windows smashed
- 07.10 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW- vandalism to a vehicle; mustard squirted inside of it
- 07.09 13xx 141 Ln NW – vandalism to a home; egged
- 07.08 153xx Linnet St NW – vandalism to a fence; kicked over
- 07.07 147xx Crane St NW – vandalism to a vehicle; spray painted
- 07.07 46xx 147 Ln NW – surveillance camera stolen from the property

Arrests

07.13 Martin St NW/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – 1st Degree DWI, B Card Violation; a deputy stopped a driver for having an unreadable license plate. The male appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety test were conducted and failed. .096

07.08 1851 Bunker Lake Blvd NW – DAC-IPS, Warrant Arrest, deputies responded to the business in an attempt to locate a male and a female that had shoplifted. The vehicle was located and the male and female were arrested for the theft, warrants, and not having a valid driver's license.

07.08 Hanson Blvd NW/181 Ave NW - 5th Degree Possession of Narcotics; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver admitted to smoking marijuana. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The female was arrested.

Bethel

No incidents that would be reflected in this report were reported in Bethel this week.

Columbus

No incidents that would be reflected in this report were reported in Columbus this week.

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.09 184xx Hwy 65 NE – theft of motorcycle gear off a motorcycle

Arrests

07.12 230xx Packard St NE – DANCO; deputies responded to a report of a domestic abuse no contact order violation. It was determined that the order was violated. The female was arrested.

07.09 237 Ave NE/Hwy 65 NE – 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested. .13

07.10 Laurel Rd NE/Lincoln Dr NE – 4th Degree DWI; deputies responded to a single vehicle property damage accident at the location. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested.

Ham Lake

Burglaries

07.11 26xx 179 Ave NE – unsecure shed; tools

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.11 18xx 153 Ave NE – vehicle window smashed; laptop

07.08 36xx 133 Ln NE – a female reporting her 401k was accessed fraudulently

Arrests

07.09 Crosstown Blvd NE/Kenyon St NE – DAS, No Proof of Insurance; a deputy stopped a driver for driving without a valid driver's license. The male was arrested.

Linwood

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.09 234xx Cornell St NE – unsecure vehicle; electronics

07.08 80xx Viking Blvd NE – license plate stolen off a vehicle

Arrests

07.09 238xx Sunrise Rd NE – Disorderly Conduct; deputies responded to a domestic between who males. One of the males was arrested.

Nowthen

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.10 18xxx Burns Pkwy NW – female scammed out of \$280,000

Oak Grove

Arrests

07.08 205xx Xavis St NW – 5th Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a girlfriend/boyfriend domestic. The male was arrested.

07.07 29xx Lake George Blvd NE – Disorderly Conduct; deputies responded to Lake George Beach on a report of an out of control male. The male would not comply with the deputies and was arrested.

Laura Landes & Missi Reeder

Crime Prevention

Anoka County Sheriff's Office

**Information shared in this report covers crimes that may affect you - things like burglaries, thefts, damage to property, identity theft, etc. We only include a fraction of the calls that deputies regularly respond to.*

If you want to see data about what types of calls and how many we respond to log on to www.anokacounty.us/crimewatch and click on Crime Statistics on the left side. Stats are updated monthly.