



## **ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART**

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 02.03.17-02.10.17**

**Investigator Insight:** On Wednesday we were contacted by a resident that lives in Nowthen. They wanted to report that they were a victim of a "phone scam" that they recently saw on the news. We have not seen reports on this particular scam before so we wanted to make you aware.

Basically it is a call to your phone and it starts with the question "Can you hear me?" Typically, a person would respond "yes." Supposedly scammers are recording your "yes" and using this recording to authorize major purchases. Law enforcement is working to figure out how just your recorded "yes" can be used for purchasing – with slow success – but purchases have been made on accounts of the people reporting they received this type of call.

Our best advice is to: #1 Don't answer a call from a number you don't recognize. #2 If someone begins a phone call with the words "can you hear me?" just hang up.

You can either google "new phone scam" or read an article published on this scam at [http://journaltimes.com/news/local/new-phone-scam-reported/article\\_b7b69629-f413-5a2e-9d90-2f3239304d75.html](http://journaltimes.com/news/local/new-phone-scam-reported/article_b7b69629-f413-5a2e-9d90-2f3239304d75.html).

### **Andover**

#### **Burglaries**

02.07 138xx Orchid St NW – theft of raffle; no forced entry observed

#### **Thefts & Damage to Property**

02.04 30xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – vehicle window broken; purse stolen

02.06 159xx Eagle St NW – multiple forged checks written and cashed throughout the US

02.07 142xx Bluebird St NW – license plate stolen of a vehicle

02.07 9x 14x Lane NW – victim of the IRS scam involving \$1000 worth of iTunes cards

02.08 18xx 134 Lane NW – vehicle "warming up" in driveway was stolen; recovered in Wash. County

02.09 16xx 145 Lane NW – victim of ID theft; an AT&T account was opened in the victim's name

02.09 17x 146 Lane NW – attempted to force open front door; no entry

#### **Arrests**

02.04 152xx Bluebird St NW – 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Controlled Substance/Warrant Arrest/Poss Hypo Needle; a caller reported a suspicious vehicle. The deputy located the vehicle and identified with the occupants. One had a warrant and both had a history of narcotics. A K9 sniffed the vehicle and meth was located. Both men were arrested.

### **Bethel**

#### **Thefts & Damage to Property**

02.03 1xx Main St NW – extension cords for three postal vehicles were stolen

## Columbus

### Thefts & Damage to Property

02.06 88xx 191 Ave NE – theft from an unlocked vehicle in the driveway; credit cards

## East Bethel

### Thefts & Damage to Property

02.04 4xx 198 Ave NE – theft of a check from mailbox; attempts made to cash them in Ham Lake

02.06 14xx 215 Ave NE – theft from an unlocked vehicle while dropping kids off at daycare; purse

02.09 181xx Hwy 65 NE – theft of package from front steps

### Arrests

02.03 Viking Blvd/Rendova St EN – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a vehicle for poor driving conduct. The driver was identified and admitted to having one drink. The driver failed field sobriety tests and was arrested. .182

02.09 Sims Rd/Davenport St NE – DWI, Driver Leaving the Scene of a Crash; deputies responded to a single vehicle crash where a van struck a shed, drove through the yard, and then took off down Hwy 65. They were then called to another crash involving that same vehicle. When they arrived the driver had to be extricated from the vehicle and brought to the hospital. Legal blood was taken and charges are pending. .36

## Ham Lake

### Thefts & Damage to Property

02.05 41xx 146 Ave NE – theft from an unlocked vehicle in driveway; bag, Yu-Gi-Oh playing cards

02.07 17xx 141 Lane NE – theft of Christmas decorations from a yard

02.08 169xx Chisolm St NE – victim of Publisher's Clearing House scam; sent Money Gram for \$600

02.08 31xx 165 Lane NE – theft of package from mailbox

### Arrests

02.03 15000 Block of Hwy 65 – Domestic Assault, Obstruction; a caller reported a possible domestic in the area. A deputy located a male and female fighting and observed a physical confrontation. The male was arrested and the Alex House was notified.

02.05 133 Lane/Lexington Ave – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree DWI; an off-duty officer reported a possible drunk driver. The driver was located in a driveway and stated he had just drove home from St. Paul. He failed field sobriety tests and was arrested. The charges are elevated due to a prior DWI. .193

02.06 700 Block of Bunker Lake Blvd NE – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree DWI; a caller reported a possible drunk driver. A deputy located the vehicle in a parking lot and two occupants were sleeping inside it. The deputy identified the occupants who appeared intoxicated. The driver admitted to consuming alcohol and failed the PBT. He was arrested. .234 The passenger was transported home and the vehicle was towed.

02.07 Hwy 65/Crosstown Blvd - 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree DWI, 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Possession of Drugs; a deputy stopped a vehicle for poor driving conduct. The driver admitted to drinking and smoking marijuana. He was arrested for DWI. With a prior felony drug conviction, DWI, revoked license, and "no use" restriction - the charges were elevated. .36

## **Linwood**

### **Arrests**

02.05 239xx Jilliard St NE – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree DWI, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Refusal; deputies were called to the location because a snowmobile had struck the homeowner's house (see the photo on our Facebook page). When deputies arrived the driver was walking around the yard and appeared intoxicated. He refused field sobriety tests and the PBT. He was arrested.

## **Nowthen**

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

## **Oak Grove**

### **Thefts & Damage to Property**

02.05 44xx 217 Ave NW – ladder, GPS, and saddle bags stolen from an unsecured trailer

02.08 10xx 225 Lane NW – theft of tools from a work van; unsecured

02.08 25xx S Lake George Dr NW – theft of a musical instrument from a vehicle; no forced entry

02.09 28xx Viking Blvd NW – forced entry into a pole barn; power meter from bldg. stolen

### **Arrests**

02.06 Viking Blvd/University Ave NW – DAC-IPS/DAR/Fail to Surrender Impounded Plates; on routine patrol a deputy ran a plate and the plates came back as impounded to a male with a cancelled license. The deputy stopped the driver to identify; he was the owner and he was arrested. Vehicle plates were removed and the vehicle was towed.

02.09 Cedar Dr/Viking Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest/Driving After Cancellation; on routine patrol a deputy ran a plate and the owner came back having a cancelled driver's license and with a warrant. He stopped the vehicle and the driver was identified and 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](http://www.anokacounty.us/crimewatch) and click on Crime Statistics on the left side. Stats are updated monthly.*