



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

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 04.06.18**

**Investigator Insight:** From the Anoka County Sheriff's Office Facebook page:

**A NEW TWIST ON AN OLD SCAM. PLEASE SHARE**

We have received several reports recently involving an employment scam that is particularly cruel in that it targets those who are already out of work. The scam involves the posting of an online help wanted classified. The targeted victim applies for the job, goes through an application and online "interview" process and is offered a position. The scammer offers an elaborate scenario of pre-paying the alleged new employee, but the employee will have to pay back their income tax as it supposedly can't be deducted by the employer. The victim then receives a check and is instructed to cash the check and remit the taxes. By the time the victim is advised that the check is fake, the scammer has already received the victim's money.

Although this sounds like a scenario where no intelligent person could fall for the deception, the process is involved and the scammers are very smooth at what they do. This is a long-standing scam where the theme changes, but the method of sending the victim a check and asking for a portion of it to be returned has been used for decades. It is always sage advice to consider, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is." Never accept any payment that asks you to return a small portion of the original sum.

### **Andover Burglaries**

03.30 164xx Flintwood St NW – forced entry into a pole barn; tools

### **Arrests**

04.03 3300 Block of 159 Ave NW – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested.  
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04.03 Round Lake Blvd NW/140 Ave NW – Possession of a Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped a driver as an assist to the Drug Task Force. During the search of the male narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

### **Bethel**

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

03.30 1xx Main St NW – car batteries stolen from the property

## **Arrest**

03.31 University Ave /Main St – 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance, DAC-IPS, Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for displaying license plates that did not match. The driver had an active warrant. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

## **Columbus**

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

03.31 152xx Zurich St NE – vehicle stolen from a parking lot; vehicle was running

## **East Bethel**

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

## **Ham Lake**

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

04.02 160xx Central Ave NE – vehicle stolen from the property; no keys

03.31 13xx 153 Ln NE – vehicle stolen from the parking lot; no keys

03.29 15xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – license plate stolen off a vehicle

03.29 30xx 165 Ln NE – mail stolen from the mailbox

## **Arrests**

03.31 174 Ave NE/Xylite St NE – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for failing to use her turn signal. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested. .184

## **Linwood**

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

04.02 219xx Martin Lake Rd NE – vandalism to a vehicle; antenna broken, dents

## **Arrests**

04.05 21800 Block of Typo Creek Dr NE – DAC-IPS; a deputy stopped a driver for not signaling his turn. The driver did not have a valid driver's license. The male was arrested.

## **Nowthen**

### **Arrests**

04.05 7600 Block of Norris Lake Rd NW – 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a girlfriend/boyfriend domestic. The male was arrested.

## **Oak Grove**

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

04.01 208xx Kerry St NW – utility trailer stolen from the property

## **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.*

