



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 06.16.17-06.23.17

Phone Scam: Loss \$8000

I know we share a lot on scams. We feel that it is important to share with you what we are seeing so you won't fall victim – and we hope you share this information with others who don't receive the Friday Update. This report was taken in Andover last month.

The victim stated he received a phone call from a male who stated his brother-in-law (BIL) was in a car accident and had hit a female pedestrian while he was texting. He was told his BIL was at the hospital with a broken nose and would be released to police.

The victim stated he talked to his BIL who didn't really sound like him but he figured it was because he had a broken nose. The victim stated the phone was then handed to a "public defender" who said the victim could send \$4000 to settle the issue and the BIL would be released.

The victim was told to get 4 - \$1000 each - in Target gift cards - which he did - and provided the numbers and codes over the phone. The "public defender" then called back and stated the female who had been hit was pregnant and they needed another \$4000 or the BIL would spend the weekend in jail. The victim complied once again. When the "public defender" called back a third time asking for more money, the victim got suspicious and contacted our office.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.16 Andover Blvd/Tamarack St NW – suspicious activity at the railyard; vandalizing fencing

06.17 163xx Wren St NW – ID theft; opened accounts at Kohl's & ATT in victim's name

06.17 40xx 146 Ave NW – BMX bike stolen from side of garage; bike found abandoned in area

06.17 10xx 141 Lane NW – theft from garage, overhead door left open; speakers, boxing gloves

06.19 139xx Wintergreen St NW – theft from vehicle, no sign of forced entry; gun

06.20 158 Ave/Neon St NW – *A watchful resident reported two juveniles looking in vehicles. Deputies arrived and located one male who matched the description from the witness. After speaking with the juvenile, he admitted to taking items from various unlocked vehicles in the area. His parent was contacted and he was issued a citation.*

06.20 9xx 142 Ave NW – IRS scam; loss \$3000 – asked to send Walmart gift cards

Arrests

06.22 Jay St NW/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – 3rd Degree DWI, 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance, DAS; a deputy stopped a driver for having no license plate light. The driver appeared intoxicated and admitted to using drugs. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

06.19 20xx 142 Ln NW – 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance, Warrant Arrest; deputies responded to the location in an attempt to locate a female with a warrant. The female was located and seen exchanging narcotics with a male. The male and female were both arrested.

06.19 Poppy St NW/134 Ave NW – Warrant Arrest, Stolen License Plate; a deputy stopped a driver for having stolen license plates on the vehicle. The male and female in the vehicle were arrested.

06.19 Bunker Lake Blvd NW/Rose St NW – 3rd Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .20

06.18 Round Lake Blvd NW/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – 5th Degree Possession, DAR; a deputy stopped a driver for driving with expired tabs. The driver did not have a valid driver's license or insurance for the vehicle. 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

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.21 152xx Zurich St NE – tire slashed on vehicle parked in driveway

Arrests

06.23 76xx 162 Ave NE – Domestic Assault by Strangulation; deputies responded to a domestic between a boyfriend/girlfriend. The boyfriend fled prior to arrival. The Alex House was contacted and a warrant was issued for the boyfriend.

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.17 216xx East Bethel Blvd NE – tires on boat trailer slashed

06.17 42xx Thielen Blvd NE – truck and trailer stolen from boat launch; the trailer was recovered on the side of the road near the location

06.21 182xx Greenbrook Dr NE – windows on pole barn shot out

06.21 13xx 229 Ave NE – landscaping block thrown through window of church; guitar stolen

Arrests/Incidents

06.19 29xx 183 Ave NE – House Fire; deputies responded to a house fire at the location. East Bethel Fire department extinguished the fire. No one was injured.

06.19 183 Ave NE/Flanders St NE – Warrant Arrest; deputies responded to a report of a suspicious male at the location. The male had an active warrant and was arrested.

06.19 187 Ln NE/Hwy 65 NE – 1st Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped a driver for not signaling his turn. The driver appeared under the influence of narcotics. A K9 was requested to perform a sniff. During the sniff of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

06.19 221 Ave NE/Hwy 65 NE – 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance, Warrant Arrest, Theft; a deputy stopped a driver because he was the suspect in a theft and had an active warrant. A K9 was requested to perform a sniff. During the sniff of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male and female occupants were arrested.

06.18 222xx Vermillion St NE – 3rd Degree Assault, Disorderly Conduct; deputies responded to an assault between two males. One of the males was arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.18 142xx Lincoln St NE – window on vehicle broken; backpack stolen

06.20 141xx Lincoln St NE – locks cut on work three work trailers; tools stolen

Arrests

06.18 Andover Blvd NE/Hwy 65 NE – 3rd Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested.

06.18 143 Ave NE/London St NE – Possession of a Controlled Substance; deputies responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle. One of the occupants admitted to hiding narcotics in her purse for one of the male occupants. The male was arrested.

Linwood

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.21 67xx 231 Lane NE – theft of two outboard motors off boats on property

Nowthen

Arrests

06.19 190xx St Francis Blvd NW – Theft, Tampering with a Motor Vehicle, Open Bottle; deputies responded to a report of a theft from a vehicle. The victim witnessed the theft and due to the suspect's vehicle breaking down at the end of his driveway could see his belongings in the car. The deputies recovered the stolen items and arrested the male and two females.

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.21 220xx Woodbine St NW – license plates stolen off a vehicle

Arrests

06.18 22000 Block of Rum River Blvd NW – 3rd Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. 161

06.16 32xx Viking Blvd NW – Recovered Stolen Vehicle; during routine patrol a deputy located a vehicle coming back stolen. The vehicle was recovered and the owner was notified.

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**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.