



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

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 12.01.17-12.08.17**

I know we talk a lot about scams, however when we read reports like the one below we know there is still a lot of educating we need to do. Please talk to your friends and family members and offer to be their "person to check in with" before they send money to anyone.

### **Narratives**

#### **ORIGINAL OFFICER NARRATIVE**

On 11/27/2017 at 1008 hours I was dispatched to the Sheriff's Office regarding a fraud report. Upon arrival, I made contact with the victim. Initially speaking with the victim, she wanted to report that an unknown person had texted her claiming to be the FBI. The victim advised that they wanted her to send them \$500, then she would receive a code to get onto a military base and retrieve the money she sent. The victim stated that she knew it was a scam and wanted to report it. As I continued to speak with the victim, she brought up another situation she is involved in that she believes is a scam.

The victim stated that she met a guy in February of this year on meetme.com by the name of Collins Callagher. Initially, the victim stated it was just casual conversation through email. The victim advised that since meeting Collins, she has now sent him \$38,000.00 over the course of 18 transactions from 2/18/17-11/17/17. These transactions have consisted of Western Union, Amazon, and iTunes gift-cards ranging in value. The most substantial transaction was sent on 2/18/2017 in the amount of \$18,000.00. The victim advised that she sent the money via Western Union to Turkey. According to the victim, Collins claimed to be in the military and needed the money to get back to the U.S.

After the last transaction the victim figured it was a scam because Collins did not show up at her work where he claimed to be meeting her. The victim has since discontinued contact with Collins. I advised the victim on signs of scams and advised her to call if she had any concerns or questions in the future. Given the circumstances, I believe Collins' name is an alias and there is no other suspect information at this time.

Case pending upon suspect information.

#### **Andover**

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

- 12.04 133xx Wren St NW – Christmas decoration stolen from the property
- 12.02 30xx 150 Ln NW – package stolen from a mailbox

##### **Arrests**

12.06 136xx Crosstown Blvd NW – 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance, DAR; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a valid driver's license. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. Both the male and female occupants were arrested.

12.04 13900 Block of Woodbine St NW – Disorderly Conduct; deputies responded to a report of a male attempting to get into homes in the area. The male was located and arrested.

12.03 7<sup>th</sup> Ave NW/145 Ave NW – Interrupted Burglary, Flee on Foot; deputies located a male that was wanted for a burglary and had fled police numerous times. The male was arrested.

12.01 175xx Verdin St NW – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety test were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .201

## **Bethel**

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

12.02 1xx St Francis Blvd NW – license plate stolen off a vehicle

## **Columbus**

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

## **East Bethel**

### **Arrests**

12.02 187 Ln NE/Hwy 65 NE – 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance, DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

## **Ham Lake**

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

12.06 17xx 141 Ln NE – unsecure vehicle; wallet, glasses

12.06 21xx 139 Ln NE – unsecure vehicle; electronics

12.04 176xx Central Ave NE – vandalism to a vehicle; sugar was put into the gas tank

12.03 170xx Leyte St NE – unsecure vehicle; hunting gear

12.01 171xx Van Buren St NE – gas siphoned from two vehicles in the driveway

12.01 47xx 170 Ln NE – trailer stolen from the property

12.01 Constance Blvd NE/Guadalupe St NE – vandalism to mailbox; struck by a vehicle

### **Arrests**

12.02 152 Ave NE/Tyler St NE – 4<sup>th</sup> 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. .21

12.02 50xx Hemlock Ln NE – Reckless Discharge of a Firearm; deputies responded to a wife/husband domestic at the location. The male discharged a firearm. The male was arrested.

12.02 172xx Chisholm St NE -DWI; deputies responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle at the location. The vehicle was located and the driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .177

## **Linwood**

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

12.01 243xx Yerkes St NE – Christmas decoration stolen from the property

## Nowthen

### Arrests

12.05 209xx Gypsy Valley Rd NW – 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Domestic Assault, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Property Damage; deputies responded to a mother/son domestic . The male was arrested.

## Oak Grove

### Arrests

12.02 192xx Lake George Blvd NW – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree DWI; deputies responded to a property damage crash at the location. One of the driver's appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .19

**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.*