



## **ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE**

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 04.26.24**

### **Scams**

04.19 The victim received emails from a fraudulent account posing as Xfinity. The email wanted her to "verify" credit account information. She checked the email and found it did not come from Xfinity, but a spoof email. She then tried to access her Wells Fargo account and found the two-factor authentication was disabled and her PIN was not available. She advised she was working with her bank and Xfinity to protect her information and there has not been any loss at this point.

04.22 Business: A store manager made a report regarding an individual identified as "JJ" who claimed to be the franchise owner, who called the store requesting an employee to deposit money into an account at Walgreens. The employee reported that "JJ" called the store again and requested the shift lead to take money out of the till and deposit it into an account. Employees could tell something wasn't right, so he played along with the male on the phone. The caller then told the employee that the male on the phone admitted it was a scam and said he does this to several businesses in the area. The male claimed to get employees to deposit money by agreeing to split the money if they deposit half of the amount. A phone number for "JJ" is 334-315-3556.

04.23 The victim received a call around 1430 on 04/23/2024 from 763-247-8150 while she was at work in Anoka, MN. She reported she spoke with two males, one of which identified himself as Lt. Douglas with the Anoka County Sheriff's Office. This male told her the courts had issued two citations for failing to appear in court and gave her two options to resolve the citations. The first option was for her to go to the Anoka County Jail and turn herself in. The second option was for her to pay a voucher through Bit Coin in the amount of \$9,500. She went to her bank and withdrew \$9,500 in cash. She drove to the Cub Foods in Champlin and deposited the money into the Bit Coin machine. After depositing the money, the male told her to report to the Sheriff's Office to speak with someone at the front desk. When she arrived at the Sheriff's Office, the male had hung up the phone and she realized this was a scam.

04.25 The victim stated she received a call from 763-247-2567 from a male posing as Deputy Wilcox from the Anoka County Sheriff's Office and stated he had been trying to reach her because on February 1st she was supposed to receive jury trial papers and someone at the home signed for it on her behalf. The male stated it was a federal class C felony for not showing up for jury duty. She stated the male ended up disconnecting on his own because it wasn't making sense to her, so she asked many questions. I confirmed she did not send him any money, and she said she did not.

04.24 I met with the complainant who told me that while he was in Arizona for the winter, he started receiving emails from a company called TurboTenant. These emails said his house in Andover was being put up for rent. He received numerous emails from people saying they are interested in renting his property. One person emailed him saying he wanted his money back. The victim has never rented out his home and has never worked with TurboTenant. Today, someone came to his home enquiring about renting the home. The person said the victim was messaging them about renting the home. He

told the person it was a scam. The person was not hostile, but it led the victim to call regarding the issue. I advised him to call TurboTenant and report the scam to see if they can shut down the account.

## **Andover**

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

- 04.20 155xx Vale St NW – damage to a garage door; something thrown at it and caused dents
- 04.22 142xx Olive St NW – theft of mail; package cut open, gift card stolen
- 04.22 156xx Kiowa St NW – theft of license plate from a vehicle
- 04.23 22xx 149 Ave NW – a home was tp'd; suspects identified
- 04.24 18xx Crosstown Blvd NW – theft from the recycling center; suspect identified
- 04.25 140xx Round Lake Blvd NW – theft from an unlocked vehicle; purse
- 04.25 22xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – theft from an unlocked vehicle; chargers – suspect arrested

### **Arrests**

04.24 Martin/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – DWI 4<sup>th</sup> degree; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. When he made contact, the driver appeared impaired. Field sobriety test were failed but she refused to PBT. A warrant for blood was obtained and she was arrested.

04.24 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Shoplifting; a deputy responded to a shoplifter at the location. She was located and arrested.

04.24 22xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Obstruct Legal Process; deputies responded to a theft from vehicle call. They watched a video and identified the suspect. They went to his home to speak with him and he was confrontational. The male was going to be issued a citation, but he was so uncooperative he was arrested instead.

## **Bethel**

### **Burglaries**

04.19 3x Main St NW – business; forced entry, broke out window, stole cooper wire

## **Columbus**

### **Arrests**

04.23 152xx Zurich St NE – No Driver's License; a deputy stopped a driver because his tabs were from 2021. When he made contact, he found out the driver has not had a license in years because of a couple DWI's. He was arrested.

## **East Bethel**

### **Arrests**

04.19 9xx 189 Ave NE – Assault; deputies responded to a physical attack between two clients. One was arrested.

04.22 18xxx Yancy St NE – Warrant Arrest; Anoka County Corrections requested a deputy to go to the location and arrest a juvenile female with a warrant. She was located and taken into custody.

04.25 11xx 231 Lane NE – Trespassing; deputies responded to a male who was at the location who had been trespassed twice already. He was located and arrested.

## Ham Lake

### Thefts & Damage to Property

04.21 151xx Lever St NE – a turkey blind was stolen off the property

### Arrests

04.22 22xx 165 Lane NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical altercation between roommates. One male was arrested.

04.23 133 Lane/Radisson Rd NE – Drugs; a deputy observed what appeared to be a possible drug sale from a vehicle. He stopped the vehicle when it pulled away. The vehicle was searched and multiple THC cartridges and weed was located. The parents were contacted and the juveniles will be charged via paper.

04.23 18xx 162 Lane NE – Warrant Arrest; the Juvenile Department of Corrections requested a deputy go to the location to arrest a male who just had a warrant issued. He was located and taken into custody.

## Linwood

### Thefts & Damage to Property

04.23 226xx W Martin Lake Dr NE – a vehicle was hit with a crowbar; suspect identified

### Arrests

04.23 Viking/Marin Lake Rd NE – DWI, Refusal; deputies responded to a vehicle in the ditch. When they arrived, they located a male inside a running vehicle semi-conscious. Medics arrived and the male was checked out and fine. He appeared to be impaired. He refused to test so a warrant for blood was obtained. He was combative and then arrested.

## Nowthen

### Burglaries

04.22 199xx Iguana St NW – lock cut on a storage unit; multiple items stolen

## Oak Grove

### Arrests

04.20 40xx Viking Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy ran a plate on a vehicle that was trying to evade him. The registered owner came back with warrants out of McLeod County. The deputy located the vehicle again, stopped it, confirmed the driver's identity and he was arrested.

04.20 19xxx Orchid St NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy learned there was a male at the location with a warrant. The deputy asked the homeowner to call the male out of the house. He did and he was arrested.

***\*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.***

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