



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 03.11.22

Things that just make you question what the heck are people thinking. This is a 22-year-old male.

On 03.08 deputies were dispatched to the location for a male party who called 911 multiple times stating that he needed help. Upon arrival each time, the male party claimed that he did not call 911. After the 4th time of being at his residence for him calling 911, he admitted that he did in fact call 911. The male party was intoxicated. He was warned and advised that if he called 911 one more time for a non-emergency, he would be cited and arrested for harassing communications.

Scams

03.04 I contacted the complainant via phone who reported that he received a phone call from 800-895-4999 regarding his power being shut off if he did not follow certain steps. The recorded voice claimed to be from Xcel Energy. He stated that he contacted Xcel who informed him that it was a scam and to report it to law enforcement.

03.07 I was dispatched to the office for a possible fraud report. I arrived and met with male who advised his wife received a text message asking her to confirm the purchase of a television. He advised she was concerned someone had her information. The male advised she had not clicked on anything or given any information out. I advised him this is a new phishing scam to try to get people to click on the links in the text messages. I advised him to have his wife delete the message and ignore any future similar messages.

03.07 The caller reported she had just received a phone call to her landline that she believed was a scam. An automated voice stated there was a warrant for missing a court appearance in Fairmont, IL. She said she hung up the phone when the automated voice asked her to press 1 for more information. I advised her that the call was in fact a scam and law enforcement in this area doesn't make automated phone calls about warrants.

03.10 I was dispatched to the location for a fraud situation. I arrived and met with the victim who advised he put in for a Publishers Clearing house sweepstakes and he thought he had won \$5.5 Million. He stated he was working with a Publishers Clearing House agent with the name of Todd Slone with a phone number of (518) 468- 0666. The victim advised he was sent several documents some with Publishers Clearing house seals and some with FDIC seals talking about insurance for the money. He advised he was also contacted by phone and told he needed to pay the taxes on the money before getting it. He advised he paid in several different methods some personal checks and some gift cards. The victim also advised he bought iPhones. He said when he was at a cell phone retailer in Riverdale they told him he was being scammed. The victim stated at that point he put everything together and believed his total loss in this scam was \$32,000. He had several documents documenting his payments. I also spoke with Inv Johnson who advised he was aware of a similar scam in Spring Lake Park.

Andover

Burglaries

03.04 15xx 154 Ave NW – business; forced back door, stole Ipads and cash drawer

03.05 145xx Martin Court NW – theft of mail; birthday card with a gift card stolen

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.04 142xx Holly St NW – theft of license plate

Arrests

03.05 3xx 144 Lane NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical fight between a child and parents. After investigating, the child was arrested.

03.05 151xx Bluebird St NW – DWI Refusal; a caller reported a heavily intoxicated male leaving the location. A deputy arrived and observed the suspect vehicle pulling into a parking space at the location. He made contact with the driver who appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .202

03.06 Crosstown/Bluebird St NW – Driving Offense; a deputy ran a license plate and the registered owner came back with a suspended license. He waited for the driver to come back to the vehicle and leave. At that point, the deputy stopped the male. He was identified and arrested.

03.06 181/Hanson Blvd NW – 4th degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 78/55. When the deputy made contact, the driver appeared impaired and answered many questions the deputy asked incorrectly. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .151

Bethel

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

Columbus

Arrests

03.06 I35NW/Broadway; KOPS Alert; a deputy located a vehicle that there was a KOPS Alert on for a PC pickup for a burglary. The deputy continued to follow the vehicle while other law enforcement agencies got into place. They successfully stopped the vehicle and arrested the suspect.

03.08 151xx Lake Dr NE – Warrant Arrest; Hennepin County requested our assistance in locating a male at the location who had a warrant in their county. The deputy arrived and assisted with the arrest.

East Bethel

Arrests

03.05 Hwy 65/237 Ave NE – Domestic Assault; a male who was arrested by the State Patrol for a DWI was also charged with a domestic assault charge that happened in our county stemming from the original DWI.

03.07 181xx Hwy 65 NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical fight between a boyfriend and girlfriend. The boyfriend was arrested.

Ham Lake

Arrests

03.04 134xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; deputies responded to the location because of a report of an assault. When they arrived, they did not locate an assault, but did find a male with warrants. As deputies were attempting to arrest him, he tried to flee out a window. He was captured and arrested.

03.05 3000 Block 149 Ave NE – Traffic; a deputy stopped a driver for not having his headlights on. The driver did not have a license and he was arrested.

03.06 153/Hwy 65 NE – 4th degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for illegally passing on the shoulder. When he made contact with the driver, he appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .11

03.10 Constance/Kenyon St NE - 3rd degree DWI; a caller reported a possible drunk driver. The deputy located the vehicle; the vehicle had expired tags so the deputy pulled the driver over. The deputy smelled alcohol and the driver appeared impaired but she stated she had not had anything to drink. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .301

03.10 176xx Central Ave NE – Counterfeit Money; a deputy was called to the location because a female was there trying to pass a counterfeit \$100 bill. The deputy arrived and spoke with the woman. After investigating it came out she had a wallet full of fake bills and was going to local restaurants to order a small amount of to-go food, using a fake bill to pay for it, and then getting legal currency back as change. She was arrested.

Linwood

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

Nowthen

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Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.10 1xx 222 Lane NW – theft of license plate from vehicle

Arrests

03.05 Viking/Lake George Blvd NW – 4th degree DWI; a deputy stopped a three-wheeler traveling on the side of the road without working taillights – it was 3:30 am. When he made contact, the driver appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .181

**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.