



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

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 04.21.23**

### **Scams**

04.14 The victim stated she saw a house for rent listed on FB Marketplace and had been speaking with a male, Dustin Sutton, who had created the listing. She stated that she paid him a down payment of \$1,500.00 through PayPal on 04/12/2023. She stated that she drove by the house and saw a "For Sale" sign in the yard. She stated she spoke with the real-estate agent on the phone and told her she had paid to rent the property and the agent told her that the owner was selling, not renting. She spoke with the real-estate agent, she noticed the posting for the rental property on FB Marketplace had been deleted. She also noticed that the photos on the profile are the same ones that the listing agent used. The agent was able to confirm that she had not been speaking with the owner of the property. She stated she messaged Dustin yesterday about a refund and he told her that once he found a new renter, he would refund her money back. She stated she has asked for a refund multiple times since then and he refuses to refund her the money.

04.14 I spoke with the caller who advised me she met a man on a dating site and has been talking with him for approximately 6 months. Recently the male has been asking her to open an account for him so he can share money from his retirement with her. She grew suspicious and spoke with her bank about her concerns. They advised her not to accept any checks or open any accounts for the male. She said she suspects the male is trying to scam her. I advised her to discontinue communication with the male and gave her the same advice her bank did. She was reluctant but seemed to take my advice after some discussion. At this time, she is not out any money and no crime has occurred.

04.18 The victim advised around 1607 hours she received a call from 763 433 6404 by a male claiming to be a police officer. The male claimed she was going to be arrested for drug crimes because someone in another state was using her name. The male asked her to purchase gift cards in order to avoid arrest. She panicked and followed the demands of the caller. Another male claiming to be an officer by the name of Eric Wilson assisted in facilitating the gift card purchases from phone number 239 842 7465. The victim went to Walmart and purchased two \$500 gift cards and provided Eric with the card numbers. She then went to Lowes per their request and purchased two more \$500 gift cards. She then went back to Walmart and purchased a \$300 and \$400 gift card. She provided them with all the card numbers then went home. They told her that an officer would meet her today at home and return the money. She said the male called today and requested more gift cards so she hung up and came to ACSO to file a report. I advised her this is a scam and she began crying. I advised her to contact her banks and advised them of the incident.

04.18 The victim reported that she had been scammed online. She stated that she bought software from BestBuy for her computer. She had troubles with the install and looked for a geek squad number on line and called. She figured out that the number she found ended up being fraudulent. She stated

the unknown person has been accessing information including bank accounts, while remotely accessing her computer. She stated that she is working with her bank and BestBuy already. She also believes that the person may have done some charges to her significant others credit cards. I also advised her to place additional alerts related to her credit and gave her the case number.

04.20 The victim me that she attempted to contact Apple customer service and she ended up speaking with someone who she believed was trying to scam her. After some conversation the person asked for a picture of her driver's license, and she provided a picture of the front and back of it. As soon as the person asked her to withdraw money from an ATM, she knew that something was not right and she hung up the phone. At this time she hasn't lost any assets and she was advised to monitor her bank accounts.

## **Andover**

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

04.14 159xx Crane St NW – illegal dumping

04.17 152xx Hanson Blvd NW – illegal dumping at the recycling center

### **Arrests**

04.14 Bunker Lake/138<sup>th</sup> Ave NW – DWI 4<sup>th</sup> degree; a deputy stopped a driver for suspicious behavior. When he made contact the driver was showing signs of using meth. She stated she had used meth within the last 12 hours. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. A warrant for blood was obtained and she was arrested.

04.15 13300 Block Hanson Blvd NW – DWI 4<sup>th</sup> degree; a deputy stopped a driver for failing to signal. When he made contact, the driver had thrown up on herself and smelled of alcohol. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .152

04.17 21xx 140 Lane NW – Domestic; deputies responded to a domestic between roommates. A male fled prior to their arrival. After investigating it was determined the male would be arrested and he was located at a nearby business.

04.18 Martin/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – DWI 3<sup>rd</sup> degree; a deputy stopped a vehicle for poor driving conduct. When he made contact with the driver he smelled of alcohol. He asked the driver how much he had to drink and he stated "enough." Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .169

04.19 Hanson/133 Ave NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for having a fake license plate. The driver was identified and he had a warrant out of Ottertail County. He was arrested.

## **Bethel**

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

## **Columbus**

### **Burglaries**

04.19 155xx Hornsby St NE – business, attempted; screen removed from window, pry marks on door

## **Arrests**

04.14 70xx Broadway Ave NE – DWI 3<sup>rd</sup> degree; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 72/55. When he made contact with the driver, he smelled alcohol. The driver stated he had 5 to 6 beers. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .142

04.15 94xx Lake Dr NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver because he knew he had a warrant. He was arrested.

04.17 152xx Zurich St NE – Warrant Arrest; the MN Bureau of Alcohol and Gaming Enforcement requested a deputy to go to Running Aces and arrest a male with a warrant. He was located in the card room and arrested without incident.

## **East Bethel**

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

04.15 12xx 185 Ave NE – theft of an Amazon package

## **Arrests**

04.15 11xx 231 Lane NE – Assault; deputies responded to a physical fight between roommates. One male was arrested.

04.17 181xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest x 2; a deputy was in the area looking for a male and a female, both with felony warrants. He observed them coming home and made contact. They were both arrested.

## **Ham Lake**

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

04.16 176xx London St NE – theft of an Amazon package

## **Arrests**

04.14 178xx Marmon St NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a father/daughter domestic. The daughter was arrested.

04.14 Hwy 65/Crosstown Blvd NE – DWI 4<sup>th</sup> degree; a deputy stopped a vehicle for swerving and varying speeds. When she made contact, the driver had slurred speech and bloodshot eyes and stated he had a couple beers. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .10

04.16 147 Ave/Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver because he had a felony warrant. He was arrested.

04.18 1200 Block Constance Blvd NE – Drugs; a deputy stopped a motorcycle for having no rear lights. The driver immediately told him he didn't have a driver's license and he had an open bottle of alcohol in his pocket. While searching him prior to arrest, Oxy pill were found in his pocket.

## **Linwood**

### **Arrests**

04.18 87xx 239 Lane NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend physical assault. The BF left prior to arrival. An attempt to locate was put out for his arrest.

## **Nowthen**

### **Burglaries**

04.14 83xx Viking Blvd NW – lock cut off storage unit; misc. items were stolen

## **Oak Grove**

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

04.14 204xx Ivywood St NW – theft from an unlocked vehicle; hunting equipment

04.14 21xx 195 Lane NW – bullet hole found in pole barn

### **Arrests**

04.14 Lake George/Viking Blvd NW – Drugs; a deputy stopped a driver for expired tabs. When speaking with the driver and passenger, their stories about what they were doing didn't match and drug paraphernalia was seen. The vehicle was searched and marijuana and meth were found. The driver was arrested.

04.15 Flamingo/Biking Blvd NW – DWI 3<sup>rd</sup> degree; a deputy stopped a driver for swerving between lanes. When he made contact he smelled alcohol and the driver stated he had three beers. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .141

04.17 205xx Xavis St NW – DWI Refusal; a caller reported a vehicle almost hit the side of a gas station. A deputy located the vehicle in the area and stopped it pulling into a driveway. The male got out of the vehicle and said "ah, I'm busted." The male was stumbling and slurring his words. The people who owned the driveway came out and stated they did not know the male. He refused to test and just wanted to go to jail. He was arrested. .239

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