



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 01.26.24

Scams

01.19 The victim reported she received a phone call from someone claiming to be Xfinity. They provided her the last 4 numbers of her bank account number. They requested she send her a picture of her driver's license, which she did. She also provided them with her social security number. I advised her to monitor her accounts and she advised she had already spoken to her bank. No monetary loss at this time.

01.21 The victim stated he was on the application Grinder talking with a male named "Mike". During the course of the conversation they both exchanged naked photos. "Mike" then called and was threatening to send the pictures to everyone the victim knew, including work associates if he did not pay \$3000. I advised the victim to lock down all his social media accounts just in case and to stop communicating with "Mike".

01.22 The victim advised that he randomly started receiving messages from an unknown person. He stated that the messages were lewd pictures, some of which he claimed could be perceived as him. The victim denied sending any nude pictures to anyone but his girlfriend. He advised that the person who sent the messages threatened to send the pictures to his family if he didn't pay them money. He stated that the person knew the names of his family members and also had their phone numbers. He advised that he ended up sending the individual \$400 through Zelle. He advised that today, he was contacted by the individuals from a different number asking for more money. He stated that he didn't send any money and is blocking the numbers. He notified his family members of the potential pictures they could be receiving and let them know that they weren't from him if they received any.

01.25 The victim stated that someone called on behalf of his bank stating there was unauthorized transactions on his account. He sent some information to the person and a few hours later didn't feel it was correct. He stated that he called the bank, and they advised him that he had transferred \$25,000 to his checking account from savings which he didn't. He stated that the bank was able to stop the transfer and he was out no money.

01.25 The victim called Facebook to help with installing the app to his new phone and changing his phone number. He looked up the phone number for FB support on Google and called. The number was a fake number to a scammer. He was told there was a lot of fraudulent activity on his account and it would take time to clean it up. He was talked into withdrawing money and opening a PayPal account and depositing money and sending it to the person he called. In total he transferred \$9000 to PayPal. He later realized this was a scam and stopped communication.

01.25 The victim received a call from someone asking about his Amazon account. He said the person informed him he worked for the Federal Trade Company. They said his Amazon account has been tracked to five different cities around the U.S and he needed to remove the money from his bank account. He also said they told him not to tell anyone because they will not be able to help him and

law enforcement will arrest him. I asked him if he had given any information to the person which he did not. He said they were supposed to be calling back tomorrow to give him more information.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

01.21 143xx Drake St NW – theft of an unsecured trailer from the property

01.22 18xx Station Parkway NW – illegal dumping in a business dumpster; suspect identified

Arrests

01.20 143xx Xeon St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to an open 911 call at the location. When they arrived they heard screaming and were let inside by a juvenile. After investigating it was a physical altercation between family and one person was arrested.

01.23 2xxx 1479 Ave NW – Domestic Assault; deputies went to the residence due to a physical altercation between a soon-to-be-ex boyfriend/girlfriend. The boyfriend had fled. A KOPS alert was put out on the boyfriend to arrest.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

01.19 176xx Lyons St NE – vandalism to mailbox

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

01.24 13xx 209 Ave NE – theft of tab from license plate while parked at work

Arrests

01.20 237xx Hwy 65 NE – DWI Refusal – 10:11 pm; a deputy stopped a driver because he knew he had a warrant. When the deputy made contact, the driver appeared impaired. He refused to get out of the vehicle. After negotiating, the driver was removed from the vehicle and arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

01.21 29xx 174 Ave NE – theft of mail; suspect vehicle possibly a red Ford F150

01.22 29xx 174 Ave NE – theft of mail

01.24 152xx Quamba St NE - electric meter stolen from outside of new home

01.25 157xx E Ham Lake Dr NE – illegal dumping

Arrests

01.19 Bunker Lake/Radisson Rd NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for no break lights. The male stated he did not have a driver's license but he might have warrants - he did in both Anoka and Isanti counties. He was arrested. A meth pipe was also located on him prior to arrest.

01.20 134xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went to the location looking for a male with a felony warrant out of Sherburne County. He was located and arrested.

01.21 164xx Hwy 65 NE – False Information; a deputy stopped a vehicle for being suspicious. The driver did not have a license and he was issued a citation. A passenger lied about her identity and was caught; she was arrested.

01.22 46xx Lexington Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went to the location looking for a male who had a felony warrant. He was located and arrested. He also stated that he had heard from acquaintances that deputies were talking to his friends, so he knew it was coming. 😊

Linwood

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

Nowthen

Thefts & Damage to Property

01.21 83xx Viking Blvd NW – attempted to pick a lock on a storage unit; lock picking tools found

Arrests

01.23 227xx Jarvis St NW – Criminal Vehicular Operation; pending – deputies responded to a two-vehicle head on crash at the location. One driver appeared impaired and open alcohol bottles were found in the vehicle. The driver needed medical attention so a warrant for a blood draw was obtained. He was transported to the hospital and charges are pending. The other two occupants in the other vehicle were transported to the hospital as well.

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

01.19 203xx Eidelweiss St NW – theft of license plate from a vehicle parked in driveway

01.24 27xx 225 Lane NW – theft of mail; includes W2

01.25 217xx Lake George Blvd NW – ATV damaging property at the park; suspect identified

Arrests

01.23 22xxx Lake Georges Blvd NW – Assault; deputies responded to a physical assault between romantic partners; one assaulted the other with a bat and fled the scene. Deputies arrived and put out an attempt to locate and arrest the suspect.

****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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