



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 02.23.24

Scams

02.20 The victim advised that in October, he had mailed a check to Anoka County for \$1185.46 for property taxes. On 2/7/2024, he received a letter from Anoka County stating that he had delinquent property taxes. He stated that the check had been cashed, so he contacted the bank and learned that the check had been altered and was made out to his son. He also advised that the memo on the check had been changed to "trees" when the memo initially said "taxes". The victim had already reported the fraud to his bank but wished to pursue charges.

02.20 This may not be a scam, but it is worth sharing. There are a lot of QR Codes on adverts asking you to scan them, be careful. Entering bank information to redeem a coupon seems a bridge too far. *The reporting party was at Walmart and observed a coupon that was a buy one, get one for a latte. She stated she scanned the code and was prompted to enter her phone number. When she did, they sent her a text requesting her Venmo or PayPal and she was suspicious of this. She reported this to the manager. When I got the QR code coupon from the caller, I looked at it and it is powered by a company named "Aisle" and says after the purchase of 2 of their products, send a picture of the receipt and they will send the cost of one can back via Venmo or PayPal. Documentation only at this time due to after looking at the sight, it appears legitimate.

02.22 No loss, but we have seen a resurgence of the grandparent scam. *The victim reported receiving a phone call from a male this morning claiming to be law enforcement. He said that her granddaughter was in custody and needed \$18,000 for bail. The victim was suspicious of the call and made contact with her granddaughter who was fine. The male stated he would call back around noon. I gave her advice on what to say to the male and advised her to call back if he continues to harass her.

Andover

Burglaries

02.19 28xx 161 Ave NW – business, entered unlocked garage and stole numerous tools

02.19 142xx Inca St NW – two suspect broke into secured club room area

Thefts & Damage to Property

02.18 142xx Inca St NW – theft of wallet from unsecured vehicle; credit cards used in Coon Rapids

02.19 27xx 134 Lane NW – theft of package from porch

Arrests

02.16 14xxx Flamingo St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a second-hand information call about an assault between a husband/wife that was happening. Deputies arrived and spoke to the male and female involved. After investigating, the male was arrested.

02.17 Round Lake/South Coon Creed Dr NW – No Driver's License; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 68/55. The driver did not have a driver's license and he was arrested. He was driving his work truck so a deputy waited for his employer to pick up the vehicle verses towing it.

02.22 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Shoplifting; a deputy responded to a male and female at the location shoplifting. After investigating, the female was arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Arrests

02.22 Lake Dr/Zurich St NE – DWI 2nd degree; a caller reported a driver nearly hitting him head-on. A deputy located the suspect vehicle and stopped it for poor driving conduct. The driver did not immediately stop and when he did, he opened his vehicle door and placed a hand outside the vehicle. He appeared impaired and stated he had 2 drinks. Field sobriety tests were failed. The suspect was belligerent. He was arrested. .20

East Bethel

Arrests

02.17 Lincoln Dr/Forest Rd NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 39/30. The driver was identified and he had a warrant out of Nebraska and it was extraditable. He was arrested.

02.19 Hwy 65/229th Ave NE – Drugs; a deputy stopped a driver for having expired tabs. When he made contact with the driver, the deputy smelled marijuana, viewed buds on the driver's coat, and saw a scale. The vehicle as searched and illegal amounts of THC oil, mushrooms, and marijuana flower were located. He also did not have insurance. He was arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

02.16 169xx Baltimore St NE – theft of keys from a business caught on video

Arrests

02.16 28xx Crosstown Blvd NE – Drugs, Warrant; deputies went to the location because they learned a male with a felony warrant may be there. He was located and arrested. While trying to escape arrest, the male threw meth off his person. It was located and a drug charge was added.

02.21 134xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; on routine patrol a deputy ran a plate and the registered owner came back with a warrant out of Pine County. The deputy went into the establishment, located the male and he was arrested.

Linwood

Arrests

02.18 7xxx S Orinoco Circle NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical altercation between a mom and her son. The son was arrested.

Nowthen

Thefts & Damage to Property

02.19 224xx St Francis Blvd NW – vehicles at business damaged by rocks being thrown at them

Arrests

02.16 Old Viking/West Ford Brook Dr NW- Warrant Arrest; deputies were called to the location due to a male “dancing” in the middle of the road preventing vehicles from going through. When the deputy arrived the male was identified; he was not oriented to time or place and appeared to be on meth. He also had a warrant for drugs. He was arrested.

02.17 8xxx Norris Lake Dr NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies went to the location because they learned a male with a warrant was there. He was located and arrested.

02.18 19xxx Nowthen Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; a caller reported a suspicious vehicle. The deputy located the vehicle and identified the occupants. One had a warrant out of Hennepin County. He was arrested.

Oak Grove

Burglaries

02.21 226xx Cedar Dr NW – cut lock on storage locker; auto supplies stolen

Arrests

02.19 Viking Blvd/Cedar Dr NW – DWI 2nd degree; callers reported a possible impaired driver. The deputy located the vehicle and observed poor driving conduct and stopped the driver. The driver appeared impaired and smelled of alcohol. She couldn't find her license and started crying. When asked how much she had to drink, she stated “quite a bit.” There was also an open bottle of vodka on the front seat. While confirming her identity, the female drove away from the stop. The deputy stopped her again and asked her why she did that. She stated she was stupid. She was arrested. .31

****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.