



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 03.08.24

Scams

03.01 The victim advised that he met an individual on a Facebook group for playing Monopoly. He advised that he bought stickers and dice rolls from the individual for \$76. He said that he used Paypal to send the individual, only known as "Morgan" the money for the stickers; however, he never received anything. He reported the fraud to Paypal. The victim said that "Morgan" reached out to him again and said he would refund the money, but first, he wanted him to get two \$50 Apple gift cards. The victim purchased the gift cards and gave the information to "Morgan", but he still hasn't been refunded. I advised the victim to stop sending money, and it was a scam.

03.01 The victim received a pop-up on his computer. The pop-up was from "Microsoft" stating his computer had been compromised. The pop-up instructed him to call Microsoft at 928-179-7945. The victim made the phone call and was advised that "Hackers" were in his computer and would empty his bank accounts if he didn't take action. This person encouraged him to call his bank and provided him the number to the fraud department. The person posing as the fraud department instructed the victim to physically empty all his money from his bank and bring it to a Bitcoin machine; one in Blaine and one in Ham Lake. The victim withdrew \$15,000 in cash and deposited the money and sent a picture of the receipt as instructed. He then went to another bank and withdrew another \$35,000 in cash and deposited it into another Bitcoin machine. Not fully understanding how Bitcoin works, he contacted customer support on the receipt from the Bitcoin machine. He was advised the money that he deposited had already been removed.

03.02 The victim began talking to Instagram user: Melloy6679. He said that he did not know who this person was, but saw that he had multiple friends that were following her and thought it was okay. Their conversation moved to Snapchat where their conversation turned sexual and inappropriate pictures were sent. The suspect then demanded \$1,000.00 from the victim, otherwise they were going to send that picture to everyone he knows online. He sent Apple gift cards to the suspect, and she demanded more money, which he did not have. He called 911 at this time. I advised him to block the scamming accounts and report them to Instagram and Snapchat. While on the phone with the victim, he advised me that they just posted the explicit pictures online. I advised him this is a common scam and to reach out to family and friends and advise them to delete any messages from Melloy_CH without opening it. I advised him to keep an eye on his bank accounts.

03.05 The victim stated he received a phone call from someone claiming to be replacing his Medicare card. He said the man who sounded foreign requested his social security number, Medicare number, and address which he provided. The victim stated he did not know who called, nor did he have the number the call came from. He informed me that he already contacted social security and his bank to ensure everything was secure. I advised him he may want to get a new social security number and I explained how to start the process. I also informed him he may want to attempt to get a new Medicare number as well.

Andover

Burglaries

03.04 136xx Hanson Blvd NW – business burglary; attempted to throw a brick through window

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.03 20xx 151 Lane NW – vandalism; a home was egged and tp'd

03.03 13xxx Round Lake Blvd NW – slight of hand scam when buying money orders; \$2K loss

Arrests

03.02 13300 Block Round Lake Blvd NW – DWI 4th degree, 2:20 am; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 57/45. The deputy smelled alcohol and the driver stated she had "not much" to drink. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .171

03.03 13300 Block Round Lake Blvd NW – DWI Refusal, 2:10 am; a deputy stopped a motorcycle for speeding 72/45. When the deputy made contact with the driver, he smelled alcohol. Field sobriety tests were failed and he refused to take the official DMT test. He was arrested. .085

03.05 24xx 138 Ave NW – Warrant Arrests x2, Drugs; A DEA agent had a warrant and requested deputies go to the location to serve it. While serving the warrant two males federal fugitives were located and arrested. Meth was also found.

03.05 Hanson/Crosstown Blvd NW – DWI 4th degree, 10:35 pm; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. When he made contact, he smelled marijuana. The driver stated he had taken a couple hits earlier. Field sobriety tests were failed. A warrant for blood was obtained. He was arrested.

03.06 Round Lake/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male driving and knew he had a warrant. He stopped the driver and he was arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.02 89xx Lake Dr NE – multiple mailboxes damaged due to hay bales falling off a trailer

03.04 77xx 155 Ave NE – two males caught rummaging through an unsecured vehicle; ran when homeowner noticed them.

Arrests

03.01 Lexington/Broadway Ave NE – DWI 3rd degree, 10 pm; a caller reported a possible drunk driver going in and out of the ditch. A deputy located the vehicle and observed poor driving conduct. The driver got out of the vehicle without being asked and she appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .233

03.04 17xxx Indus St NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a husband/wife physical domestic. The husband had left prior to deputies arriving. After investigating, it was determined the husband would be arrested. He was located in Pine County and taken into custody.

East Bethel

Arrests

03.01 11xx 231 Lane NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy learned a female was at the location with a warrant. When he arrived, the homeowner let him in and the female was arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.06 19xx 169 Ave NE – vandalism; a vehicle windshield was broken

Arrests

03.01 Hwy 65/139 Ave NE – Warrants, No Driver's License; a deputy stopped a driver for not having plates. When he made contact, the driver gave him some plates that were in the window. The plates did not belong to the vehicle. When the driver was identified, he did not have a license, but he did have two warrants. He was arrested.

Linwood

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

Nowthen

Arrests

03.06 19000 Block Nowthen Blvd NW – Drugs; a deputy pulled over a vehicle because it was suspicious. After speaking with the driver, she was very evasive. After investigating, the vehicle was searched. Meth was found. She was arrested.

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.02 185xx Lake George Blvd NW – vandalism; metal shed spraypainted with graffiti

03.06 191xx Blackfoot St NW – tabs stolen off a vehicle license plate

Arrests

03.02 47xx Viking Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went to the location looking for a male with a warrant. He was located and arrested.

03.05 30xx 207 Ave NW – Warrant Arrest; a probation officer requested a deputy to the location to deal with an out-of-control resident. While deputies were there, a judge issued a warrant arrest for the male and he was taken into custody.

03.05 19xxx Yellow Pine St NW – Disorderly Conduct; deputies responded to a husband/wife domestic. After investigating the husband was arrested.

03.07 18xxx Dahlia St NW – Domestic; deputies responded to a family domestic. A female 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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