



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 03.15.24

Scams

03.08 The caller stated a male who identified himself as Raymond Kennedy called her and left a voicemail advising she had won a sweepstakes from the Publishers Clearing House and to claim her prize she was directed to call 888-331-3590. No financial loss.

03.08 The victim stated he received an email from what he thought was Harbor Freight that explained because he was a loyal customer he won a new tool chest. The email advised that he would need to complete the form to claim the tool chest and pay for shipping. He stated the email appeared legitimate because he was in fact a loyal customer and receives emails. He stated he completed the form, paid for the shipping, and was waiting to receive his tool chest. He stated the tool chest never was delivered so he started to look through his bank account statements and noticed two charges, one for \$100 and a second for \$60 to a company called Mystery Nutra Club. He stated he called the number and spoke with a female but received no answers to his questions. He stated he called his bank and closed his account immediately after.

03.14 The victim received a call indicating she had won the mega millions. She was informed by the male on the phone that a check would be presented to her on 3.15 in the amount of \$950,000. She said the caller knew her address, but she had not entered any contests and had not played the lottery. She said the male told her that at 3pm on 3.15 two females would arrive at her residence with a dozen roses. He told her there would be cameras and she would be escorted to a bank where the money would be deposited into the account. I informed her that this was likely a scam and asked that she cease contact with the male. While on the phone with the victim, she picked up a call on a different phone from the male and put it on speaker phone. I was able to listen to the conversation. The male informed her that she would need to write a check or have a money order for \$81 written out to the Minnesota State Capital and that once she had taken the check there, he would advise her on the next steps. She disconnected from the call with the male. I told her this was a scam.

03.14 The victim stated while she was on Facebook a virus alert popped up on her screen and she called the number. She stated that the male that answered the phone said they were from Microsoft. They advised her that her computer was hacked and that they are trying to get into her bank account. They asked which bank she had and then they advised her they were transferring her to her bank's fraud department. She stated that it sounded like she was transferred to her bank and she followed all the prompts she was given. They advised her that it appeared that the hackers were working with Wells Fargo and that she needed to go to her bank and remove the \$24,000 she had in an account. She went to Wells Fargo and lied to them with a story about wanting to buy a car because she was afraid that she needed to follow the instructions she was given. She took the money to a Bitcoin ATM in Andover and used a QR code that she was given and deposited all the money into the ATM. She was then called back and told that it appeared that the hackers were trying to get into her other account at the bank, so they asked her to remove \$5748 and use the same ATM in Andover and repeat what she did the day before. Total loss \$29,748.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.09 Bunker/Hanson Blvd NW – multiple juveniles trespassing on the water plant property – parents were contacted and each picked up their child

03.14 11xx 161 Lane NW – vandalism; a home was tp'd

Arrests

03.08 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Assault; deputies were called to the location for a group of 8 juveniles assaulting an employee. The juveniles fled while deputies were arriving. Two were located nearby. After investigating, two juveniles involved were arrested.

03.14 133 Lane/Round Lake Blvd NW – Fight; deputies responded to a Road Rage incident that turned into a physical altercation. A male was issued a citation for being the aggressor.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Arrests

03.08 94xx Lake Dr NE - Warrant Arrest; a business requested a deputy check the welfare of a male at the location. He was located lighting up a marijuana cigarette. When told he couldn't smoke it in public, he disagreed. The male was confrontational. He was identified and he had a warrant. He was arrested.

East Bethel

Arrests

03.10 3500 Block 229 Ave NE – DWI 4th degree; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 70/55. When he made contact with the driver, he appeared impaired. When asked to step to the front of the vehicle, he stepped to the back. Field sobriety tests were conducted, but the driver stopped in the middle of doing them and refused to do more. He also refused to provide a breath sample. He was arrested.

03.12 Hwy 65/Sims Rd NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver because he knew he had a warrant and no driver's license. The male's identity was confirmed and he was arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.11 13xx 133 Lane NE – bikes stored behind a building were stolen

03.14 173xx Polk St NE – an unsecured ATV was stolen from outside a front door

Arrests

03.08 Hwy 65/Andover Blvd NE – Drugs; a deputy stopped a driver for trying to avoid him – suspicious. When stopped, the driver said he didn't have a license. The passenger, who owned the vehicle said she didn't have insurance. The vehicle was searched prior to being towed and meth was found. The female passenger was arrested.

Linwood

Arrests

03.12 60xx S Linwood Dr NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went to the location to look for a male with a warrant. The homeowner let the deputy in and the male was located.

Nowthen

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

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.14 191xx Blackfoot St NW – theft of tabs from a license plate

Arrests

03.09 218 Ave/Rum River Blvd NW – DWI 3rd degree; a deputy attempted to stop a driver for poor driving conduct but he didn't stop. Eventually the driver pulled into a driveway, got out of the vehicle, and approached the deputy (don't do that.) the male was combative and appeared impaired. When the male opened his wallet, the deputy observed a conceal carry permit and asked to pat down the driver being he was so uncooperative. The driver also had a limited license and could not consume alcohol. He was arrested.

03.10 19xx 205 Ave NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a call of a physical domestic between a boyfriend/girlfriend. The girlfriend was arrested.

03.14 6xx Sims Rd NW – Controlled Substance; a deputy was asked to check the welfare of a female at the location. When he arrived, no one answered the door so he began to look through windows. He saw the female and he also saw drugs and a scale. He applied for a search warrant. When conducting the warrant, meth was seized. The 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.***

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.