



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

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 03.22.24**

### **Scams**

03.18 The victim stated he had updated his internet router and as a result needed to setup his Amazon Alexa device to operate with the new router. He said he began to have technical issues with setting up the device and attempted to go online to begin troubleshooting these issues. He reported that he was subsequently contacted by "Geek Squad Store Online" a group which claimed to be a third party service which could assist him with his technical issues. He stated that the group then installed "AnyDesk" on his computer and began to perform services remotely on his computer. He stated that the group then requested that he pay them \$700 for the services they had performed. The victim stated that he attempted to provide payment using his credit card however his bank flagged the charge as fraudulent. He said the group attempted to find alternative methods for him to pay with to include PayPal and Venmo which he found suspicious. He had been in contact with his bank regarding the flagged charge. The victim then determined that Geek Squad Store Online was not a legitimate business and the charge was denied. He stated that he had not suffered any financial loss at the time of the report and that he was continuing to monitor his finances for suspicious activity.

03.19 The caller stated a male contacted her and said he is with the Marshals Service. The male stated they are looking at a abandoned vehicle that is registered to the caller. The person stated they found things in the vehicle and wanted to confirm her information. The person asked about her previous addresses and said two of her previous correct addresses. She stated they wanted her to confirm her current address also. The victim stated she did not confirm any addresses, and asked for their information. She stated she was going to call her local police and they can get her information from them. I advised the caller not to give any information and hang up on them next time.

### **Andover**

#### **Arrests**

03.15 Tulip St/168 Lane NW – DWI 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, 12:40 am; a caller reported a vehicle stopped in the middle of the road. The caller stopped to help but the driver appeared impaired so he called 911. The deputies arrived and observed the vehicle parked in the middle of traffic. The driver was outside the vehicle stumbling. The driver took a PBT and blew a .23. He was arrested.

03.17 Bunker Lake/Goldenrod St NW – DWI 4<sup>th</sup> degree, 2:16 am; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. When the deputy made contact, he smelled alcohol and noticed the driver's speech was slurred. He stated he had one beer. Field sobriety tests were failed. He was arrested. .118

03.20 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Disorderly Conduct; a caller reported a male had shot a BB gun at her vehicle window in a parking lot. Deputies arrived and figured out the situation and waited for the suspects to exit the store. Deputies made contact and eventually a 17-year-old male admitted shooting an Orbeez gel blaster gun at the window. Parents were contacted and formal charges will be completed through a juvenile contact form.

## **Bethel**

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

## **Columbus**

### **Arrests**

03.17 152xx Zurich St NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy was called to a male slumped over his steering wheel in the parking lot. When the deputy arrived, the male wouldn't wake up so he shook the vehicle. The male woke up and said he was just napping. He was identified and he had a warrant. He was arrested.

03.18 64xx 165 Ave NE – False Information; deputies responded to a call of someone being on a property removing items. Deputies arrived and located the suspect. He refused to identify himself, and then he lied about who he was. He was finally identified and it was learned he had already been trespassed from the property. He was arrested.

## **East Bethel**

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

03.21 243xx Hwy 65 NE – theft of an unsecured mini-bike from the yard overnight

### **Arrests**

03.15 200 Block Elm Rd NE – No Driver's License; a deputy stopped a driver because he knew he did not have a license. He didn't have insurance either. He was arrested.

03.16 Hwy 65/181 Ave NE – DWI 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, 10:40 pm; a deputy stopped a driver for not using their turn signal on multiple turns. When the deputy made contact the driver appeared impaired and there was an odor of alcohol. Field sobriety tests weren't conducted for safety reasons but the driver blew a .188. He was arrested.

03.16 181xx Hwy 65 NE – Burglary/Theft Tools; a caller reported a male inside a secured fence on private property cutting down trees. The deputy that responded knew the male had been trespassed from the property prior. He saw the male, and once the male noticed the deputy, he ran. A perimeter was set up and the male was located hiding in the woods and arrested.

03.17 9xx 189 Ave NE – Disorderly Conduct; deputies were called to assist with a fight between residents.

## **Ham Lake**

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

03.15 148xx Aberdeen St NE – a stolen vehicle out of Brooklyn Center was located at the business

### **Arrests**

03.17 Hwy 65/181 Ave NE – No Driver's License; a deputy stopped a driver because his window tint was too dark. The driver refused to identify himself and got combative. His identified was finally discovered and he did not have a driver's license or insurance. He was arrested.

03.19 1xxx 143 Ave NE – Assist Other Agency; Anoka PD asked us to go to the home and arrest a male who had made a threat. He was located and arrested.

## Linwood

### Arrests

03.20 20xxx Lyons St NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a family physical domestic. After investigating, a juvenile male was arrested.

## Nowthen

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

## Oak Grove

### Arrests

03.15 University Ave/Sims Rd NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for not having working lights on a trailer. The driver was identified and he had a warrant out of Isanti County. He was arrested.

03.20 21xxx Sycamore St NW – Ex-Parte Order Service; deputies went to serve an ex-parte order for protection. The male that was served refused to leave and began stalling. He then ran from the deputies but was captured and 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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