



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

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 03.29.24**

### **Scams**

03.25 The victim stated he received two text messages this morning requesting \$2K in the form of Apple Cards or nude photographs of him will be sent to his friends and family. The text included the photos and a list of his contacts. Earlier he stated he did send nude photographs to a person on an app called "Sniffies." I advised him to block the number and not to send any money. I also advised him to not send nude photos to unknown people on apps.

03.28 The victim stated she first spoke with a male who identified himself as Leo and said he was located in Florida and offered her a \$5,000 loan. He unfortunately stated her credit score wasn't good enough, but they could complete the transaction through CashApp. She was then transferred to a male in the "funding" department, and he identified himself as David Wilson. She stated they sent \$977 to her CashApp account and requested she send it back to ensure it went through. She stated she sent the \$977 back. She stated that they told her they would send \$1,500 via CashApp but then she needed to go to Walmart with a code and they would transfer the full \$5,000 after that. The victim told him she couldn't get to Walmart. Soon after she was notified by her bank that they froze her account due to the suspicious activity and she was out the \$977.

03.28 The victim said that she got an email from Norton stating that she had been billed \$450 for their services. She called the phone number and they agreed to refund her \$500. She said that she followed the male's directions, and he was able to gain remote access to her computer. The victim said that she had her banking information up on the computer during this time and during the refund process, an extra "0" was added to the \$500 making it \$5000 that was transferred into her bank. She said that the male then became agitated and said that he could not reverse the transaction and that she had to purchase Apple gift cards to get his money back. The victim was able to get \$800 in gift cards and sent him the info for them. The male told the victim that they would continue the transaction tomorrow and that he would call her in the morning. She was told not to tell her bank about it or he would take all the money out of her account. I advised her to shut off the Wifi on her computer and turn it off. She was told to have the computer factory reset before she connects it to her internet again. She was also advised to go to her bank in the morning and advise them of the situation as well as change her banking password.

### **Andover**

#### **Burglaries**

03.28.2024 138xx Round Lake Blvd NW – business, window broke; multiple sunglasses stolen

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

03.28 37xx 139 Ave NW – vandalism to a home; ketchup sprayed inside a room, suspects identified

03.28 32xx 170 Lane NW – mail stolen; multiple credit cards opened in victim's name

## **Arrests**

03.22 12700 Block Round Lake Blvd NW – Drugs, Warrants; a deputy stopped a driver because he knew he didn't have a license. The male stated he also didn't have insurance. While speaking with the driver, the deputy observed meth and a meth pipe in plain sight. He was arrested. The male passenger also had three warrants, so he was arrested too.

03.23 21xx 140 Lane NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a delayed report involving a boyfriend and girlfriend. The victim had left the location and came to our office for help. After investigating, the boyfriend was arrested.

03.25 142xx Inca St NW – Warrant; deputies were called to a suspicious male at the location. After investigating it was found that he had warrants. He was arrested.

03.24 Bunker Lake/Parkview Lane – DWI 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, 4:24 pm; a warrant deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. A road deputy arrived and spoke to the male. The male stated he had too much to drink and would do field sobriety tests. The tests were failed, and he was arrested. .184

03.27 3xx 141 Ave NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies went to the location looking for a male. They made contact with another male at the home who stated the person they were looking for was in the house. They received permission to enter and the male was arrested.

## **Bethel**

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

## **Columbus**

### **Arrests**

03.25 I35 SB/Lake Dr NE – No Driver's License, False Information; a deputy stopped a driver for non-working lights on his vehicle. The male lied about who he was. After investigating, it was found he did not have a driver's license. He was arrested.

## **East Bethel**

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

03.22 207xx Monroe St NE – a sign was stolen from a yard

03.27 Hwy 65/Viking Blvd NE – a stolen snowmobile was found abandoned in the ditch

### **Arrests**

03.25 9xx 189 Ave NE – Assault; deputies responded to a call of staff being assaulted by a resident. After investigating, it was decided to issue her a citation and let her stay at the facility.

03.28 181xx Hwy 65 NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical altercation between family members. A female was arrested.

## **Ham Lake**

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

03.22 23xx 152 Lane NE – a vehicle was rummaged through; missing a garage door opener

03.23 43xx 167 Ave NE – a vehicle was rummaged through

03.23 162xx Lexington Ave NE – a vehicle hit an outside wall of a business and then drove away; bottles broken inside the business due to the impact

## **Arrests**

03.23 136xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male inside a business and knew he had a warrant. Back-up arrived and the male was arrested.

## **Linwood**

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

## **Nowthen**

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

03.26 83xx 181 Ave NW – illegal dumping on private property

## **Oak Grove**

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

*\*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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