



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Scams

03.28 The victim advised she had just moved into her house and was attempting to set up Center Point energy service. She googled the company and found the phone number 1-877-964-1648 and called. A male answered and collected her information and her social security number. This male also collected a \$250 dollar deposit to start the service. She did think this male was suspicious because of the questions he was asking but provided the information anyway. After she was done, she contacted a relative that works at Center Point and learned this number was fictitious. She tried to Google the same information as before but could no longer find the number. She contacted her bank and they stated they could verify she did make the transaction and they would reimburse her, but needed her to file a police report.

03.29 The caller reported his vulnerable adult son had met someone on Facebook and sent them a private picture. The person through Facebook told his son to send them \$250.00 or they will send the private picture to family members. I was advised that the money was sent.

03.30 The victim said that she returned home from being out of town and shortly after that she received an email that someone at her business requested a wire transfer from her bank for approximately \$280,000. The bank contacted her and told her that they wanted to verify the transfer. She told the bank that the transfer request was fraudulent because she did not make the request. The bank provided her with the phone number to the person that called them to request the transfer. She called the number and someone picked up the phone. She told me that the person on the other line pretended to be her because that person did not know that it was actually the victim that was calling. At this time she did not have any loss of money or assets in this case.

03.30 The victim stated she was scammed out of \$290 from an online purchase. On 03/23/23 she ordered \$90 worth of decorative trinkets using a cash app from stockcrash.com. The supplier sent her a follow-up email asking her to pay \$200 for delivery insurance; she paid the \$200. Today she received a message from the supplier asking her to pay a \$84 late fee which raised a red flag. She canceled her bank account along with her debit card. She was not able to stop or recapture her payment and is out a total of \$290.

03.30 The victim told me that she clicked on a link for computer repair on her computer. She spoke to a person from "Team Quick Support." The person said she owed \$318 and gave them control of her computer. The person demanded more money but she refused. I advised her to shut down her computer, unplug it and bring it to a local computer repair control team to refresh her computer. The number the company used was 786-677-6737. That number does not associate with any real company.

03.30 The caller said her father received a message on his computer that Microsoft needed to be contacted and listed a number to be contacted for the computer repair. He called the number on the

message, and it was someone claiming to be from Microsoft asking for personal information. He provided all of it. The daughter was able to help her father after he realized his mistake in giving information out. All his accounts were closed, and no money was lost.

03.31 The victim was on Reddit when he came across a WhatsApp account of 1-940-231-3747. He conversed with this account and ended up sending intimate pictures to the account. After sending these photos he began getting emails from multiple accounts asking for money. The emails stated he needed to send money or else his photograph would be sent to family. He ended up sending approximately \$2700 to the accounts. He also sent multiple gift cards. I gave him a case number for this case and advised him to contact fraud protections for his banks. I also advised him to change all passwords used to contact or exchange money. He stated he understood.

04.04 A bank requested a deputy stop by because one of their customers was being swindled and he did not believe the bank. I met with the victim who was at his bank attempting to stop the withdrawal of \$6,300 he made the day before that he sent to an unknown person via bitcoin. He was advised by the bank that it was too late to stop the transaction and he started to attempt to contact different agencies to protect him from losing more money. He stated on 4/3/2023 he got a phone call from 425-363-0566 a male who identified himself as Chris Morris who was with FCC and that his computer was hacked and around \$6000 dollars was being taken out of his accounts. He stated that Chris also stated that the hackers were downloading child porn onto his computer and phones and if he didn't send money to them he would be arrested for possessing the child porn and it would help get the money being taken by the hackers. He got a FCC case ID number of 24020. He stated he was told to go to the neighbor stop at 601 125 Ave NE and use a bitcoin machine to send to the male. His first transaction occurred on 4/3/2023 @ 1715 for \$2,950 and the second was same date @ 1747 for \$3,350 dollars total of \$6,300 dollars. He gave the male his social security number as well. I advised him to continue to contact credit score accounts to flag his social security number along with the federal social security office.

04.04 I spoke to the victim and she stated that she had recently met a unknown male on Instagram. This male stated he was in the US Military and currently deployed to the Country of Yemen. They continued to talk over the Google Chat platform. This male explained to her that he has no family and no one to help him with his problem. His problem is he is currently getting paid in cash and he has too much of it and needs to send it to someone to hold onto until he comes back home. The victim stated she could help. This male stated that he would ship her a big box of cash and she could hold onto it until he came back home. Once back in the United States they planned to meet. Two days ago the victim received an email stating that the package was held up at a transfer facility and that she needed to pay \$3,000 dollars in order for it to clear customs. She wired transferred the money from her bank to Paula Taylor. After thinking about it, she thought she may be a victim of fraud.

04.05 I was dispatched to a fraud report. The victim reported being swindled out of a substantial amount of money. In June of 2022, he received a text message from 209-789-5299. The sender was Shiva Gloria who works for the Allocation Funds Program. She indicated that a friend of his is a member of the program and has made a lot of money. The victim graduated from High School with this man but is no longer in contact with him. He later received a text message from 970-787-2461. This sender claimed to be his friend and verified that the Allocation Funds Program is legitimate. The victim continued to communicate with Gloria through text message and Facebook. The program was explained as a federal grant that yielded higher returns for people who invested more money. The victim started to make payments mainly by way of VISA cards at Gloria's request. It's estimated

that he sent approximately \$300,000 in VISA cards over the 10-month period. Gloria kept changing the details and asking for more; she also promised a greater return as he sent more to her. The victim believes he also mailed approximately \$15,000 in cash and accumulated approximately \$35,000 in credit card debt between two credit cards that they gained access to. Gloria also convinced the victim to buy Apple iPhones and mail them; the exact number is unknown. The victim is confident his total monetary loss is greater than \$400,000.

04.06 The caller reported she was being scammed and she gave out her social security number and a picture of her driver's license. The caller reported receiving a text message from 1-585-230-3256 claiming to verify a charge on her Chase credit card for \$1000. The caller gave this number her social security number and a picture of her driver's license to verify this purchase. The caller discovered this was a scam after sending that information. The caller was advised to continue to monitor her credit and she already advised Social Security to put alerts on her. The caller wanted this documented.

04.13 The victim suffered a monetary loss of \$5,600. He stated that he was on his computer this morning at approximately 0900 hours when his computer froze and a pop-up screen appeared. The screen had a message directing him to call Microsoft at 1.877.224.4561. He called the number and spoke to a male that identified himself as Eric Williams. Eric advised he needed \$5,600 to fix his computer and to make the deposit at a bitcoin machine located at 2635 Nicollet Ave S. in Minneapolis. The victim withdrew 56 \$100 bills from his bank and deposited them into the bitcoin machine in Minneapolis after creating an account. He discovered the situation to be a scam after he told his daughter about it.

Andover Burglaries

04.02 145xx Ibis St NW – a snowblower stolen from a secured garage; no forced entry

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.03 1xx 139 Ave NW – garage door opener stolen from a vehicle, no forced entry observed

04.03 140xx Rose St NW – theft of a portable gun safe from an unlocked vehicle

04.03 138xx Osage St NW – 3 unlocked vehicles entered, glove compartments rummaged through

04.03 32xx 153 Ave NW – 2 unlocked vehicles entered, glove boxes rummaged through

04.03 9xx 138 Ave NW – license plate stolen from a vehicle in the driveway

04.04 2xx 139 Lane NW – rummaged through an unlocked vehicle overnight

04.04 5xx 140 Lane NW – theft from unlocked vehicle overnight; change

04.04 137xx Zilla St NW – theft from unlocked vehicle overnight; backpack, textbooks

04.04 138xx Evergreen NW – a garage door opener from an unsecured vehicle in the driveway was used to open the closed door and rummage through other vehicles inside

04.04 11xx 161 Lane NW – two people seen on surveillance trying to enter vehicles in the driveway

04.07 163 Lane/Round Lake Blvd NW – lock cut on work site, multiple generators stolen

04.09 36xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – license plate stolen from a motorcycle parked at the location

04.10 36xx 138 Lane NW – theft of outgoing mail from unsecured box; caught on surveillance

04.12 158xx Dakota St NW – attempted to steal 4-wheeler; pushed it off trailer but it got stuck

Arrests

03.28 136xx Hanson Blvd NW – Controlled Substance; on his way to work, a deputy observed a male who he believed had a warrant. When he arrived at work he confirmed the warrant and went to the location to search for the male. He was located and arrested.

03.28 Bunker Lake/Hanson Blvd NW – No Driver's License; a deputy stopped a driver for not signaling a turn. The driver immediately stated he did not have a driver's license. He was arrested.

03.29 Round Lake/157 Ave NW – DWI 3rd degree; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 85/55. When he made contact, the driver appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .204

03.29 137xx Hanson Blvd NW – Shoplifting; deputies were called to four people shoplifting and running. When they arrived, they located one suspect hiding under a vehicle. He was arrested. Three juvenile females got away but have been identified.

04.01 136xx Crosstown Blvd NW – DWI 4th degree; deputies were called to a male in a vehicle having a mental health breakdown. While speaking to him, he appeared to be intoxicated. He continued revving his engine while deputies were present. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .12

04.02 Jay St/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – DWI 4th degree; a deputy stopped a driver for having expired tabs (10/22). He made contact with the driver and he appeared impaired. He stated he had about three drinks. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .14

04.03 Bunker Lake/Prairie Rd NW – DWI Refusal; a deputy heard a Coon Rapids officer call out a possible drunk driver. The deputy located the vehicle and observed poor driving conduct and stopped the driver. The driver appeared impaired and began dousing himself with cologne. The driver stated he didn't have anything to drink and he would not be doing any tests. He was arrested.

04.10 15xx 154 Ave NW – No Contact Order Violation; deputies were called to a domestic between a male and female happening in a vehicle. The vehicle was located and stopped. There was a physical confrontation happening and the female had a no-contact order against the male. He was arrested.

04.11 Hanson/133Ave NW – Stolen Vehicle; a deputy ran a plate and the vehicle came back stolen out of Burnsville. The deputy conducted a high risk stop and the driver was not listening to commands and fled. A K9 was called in but the suspect wasn't located but he was identified. The investigation continues. The vehicle was towed to our office for processing.

04.11 17xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Drugs; a deputy stopped a driver for not signaling his turns. When he made contact with the driver, he was visibly sweating and shaking. The driver was identified and he didn't have a license. The female passenger was also identified and she had a felony drug warrant. Both were arrested. The vehicle was searched and meth was found.

04.11 17xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies were called to the business for an assault in progress. Two females had been harassing, threatening, and throwing items at employees. Deputies arrived and located the suspects. Both were identified and one was found to have a warrant out of Dakota County. She was arrested. The other was trespassed and charged with disorderly conduct.

04.12 20xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Shoplifting; a deputy responded to a shoplifter who security already had in custody. The story was told and the female was arrested.

04.13 133xx Poppy St NW – DANCO Violation; a caller reported a male at the location whom a female that lives there has an order for protection against. Deputies arrived and were let in to search the house. The suspect was hiding in the basement. He was arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.29 9xx 157 Ave NE – exterior doors stolen from a construction site

Arrests

03.30 152xx Zurich St NE – Harassment Restraining Order Violation; a woman who had a restraining order against another woman noticed the first woman was video recording her at the business. Security called us and we verified the order. The woman was arrested.

04.02 158xx Potomac St NE – No Driver's License; a deputy stopped a vehicle because it had no rear-lights. The driver immediately stated he did not have a license and he took the vehicle from his mother without permission. He was arrested.

East Bethel

Burglaries

04.07 183xx Hwy 65 NE – business; removed window, stole vehicle keys and left in vehicle

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.31 181xx Hwy 65 NE – two juveniles seen attempting to break into vehicles in the area

04.02 238xx Johnson St NE – catalytic converter cut off a vehicle in the driveway

04.02 204xx Hwy 65 NE – theft of a cell phone left on a counter unattended at the business

04.04 213xx Johnson St NE – 2 catalytic converters cut off vehicles in the sales lot

04.07 12xx 221 Ave NE – illegal dumping in church dumpsters

04.12 13xx 229 Ave NE – business; a utility truck with a plow stolen from the business

Arrests

03.29 7xx 229 Lane NE – Domestic Assault; a deputy was called to a report of a boyfriend/girlfriend domestic. Both parties were spoken to and the boyfriend was arrested.

04.01 213xx Aberdeen St NE – DWI 3rd degree; deputies responded to a 911 open line call where a male was saying "we gotta get out of here", "we are too drunk for this." The ping lead them to a van leaving the location. The vehicle was stopped and the driver appeared impaired and stated he did not have a driver's license. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .16

04.02 181xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male in a vehicle and knew he had a warrant for solicitation of a minor. By the time he turned on the vehicle it had parked and there was only a female near it. She lied and said the male wasn't there. Deputies saw the male inside the home and entered. He was arrested. The female was issued a citation for obstructing the legal process.

04.03 Hwy 65/245 Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a man in a vehicle because he had a warrant out of Chisago County. The man was arrested.

04.03 211xx Polk St NE – DWI 3rd degree; a firefighter stopped a deputy and advised him of a vehicle driving all over the road at varying speeds. The deputy located the vehicle and noticed its muffler was hitting the ground as it moved and stopped the driver. There were four men in the vehicle and none spoke English so the language line was used. The driver did not have a license and appeared impaired. He was given field sobriety tests and failed. He was arrested. .208

04.06 35xx 190 Ave NE – Order for Protection Violation; deputies responded to the location because the woman has an order against her ex-husband and he was threatening to come to the property. After interviewing, a KOPS alert was issued for his arrest. X2

04.06 181xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; the US Marshals Service asked for assistance on an arrest at the location. Deputies went to the door, located and female and she was arrested.

04.10 214xx Eveleth St NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went to the location looking for a male with a warrant out of Goodhue County. He was located at a bonfire and arrested.

04.12 Viking Blvd/Sportsman Rd NE – DWI 3rd degree; deputies responded to a crash where an SUV was in a ditch full of water and the state of the driver unknown. When they arrived, they saw a male assisting the driver out of the vehicle. Deputies made contact with the driver and she appeared impaired and refused to answer questions. Field sobriety tests were conducted but had to be discontinued because of the driver's behavior. She PBT'd .250. She was arrested.

Ham Lake

Burglaries

03.29 142xx Hwy 65 NE – a vehicle was stolen from a storage unit at the location

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.28 14xx 165 Ave NE – a mower on a trailer at the business was stolen

04.01 176xx Ulysses St NE – theft of a snowmobile and trailer from a business lot

04.03 9xx McKay Dr NE – damage to mailbox

Arrests

04.01 Bunker Lake/Terrace Rd NE – Drugs; a deputy observed a suspicious vehicle at the location with expired tabs. The registered owner was also revoked. He stopped the vehicle and the driver and passenger appeared very nervous and didn't know why they were in the area. A K9 searched the vehicle and nothing was found. A bag on the driver was also searched and meth was found. He was arrested.

04.06 12xx 133 Lane NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a delayed domestic assault report that happened the night before between a boyfriend and girlfriend. After investigating a KOPS alert was put out for the boyfriend's arrest. He was located and arrested in Mankato.

04.08 30xx Hemlock Lane NE – Warrant Arrest; deputies were asked to check the welfare of a child at the location. They located the child and he was fine. They also located a male with a warrant and he was arrested.

04.11 9xx 154 Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; it was reported there was two males at the location with warrants. Multiple deputies went to locate them. When they saw deputies, the men ran. They were too slow. Both were arrested.

04.13 41xx Wildwood Dr NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a father/daughter domestic. The father was arrested.

Linwood

Arrests

04.02 Viking/202 Lane NE – False Information; a deputy stopped a vehicle because he ran the plate and the registered owner did not have a driver's license. He made contact with the driver who said he wasn't the registered owner and provided another name. The deputy ran the name and concluded the male was lying about his identity. The driver admitted it and he was arrested.

04.10 9000 Block Fawn Lake Dr NE – Fleeing, Warrant; a deputy attempted to stop a male who had multiple warrants. He fled from her. She continued to pursue and the driver eventually stopped. While he was being arrested, fentanyl was found on him.

Nowthen

Arrests

04.03 218xx Norris Lake Rd NW – Domestic; a caller reported a male was at the location and there was an order for protection against him for the family that lives there. The suspect had entered through a window. A K9 and drone searched for the male because he fled. He was located and arrested.

04.06 224xx St Francis Blvd NW – Assault; deputies responded to Bar None because a client assaulted a teacher. The client was arrested.

04.12 Baugh/Viking Blvd NW – Obstructing the Legal Process; a cab driver called 911 to report he had a belligerent customer refusing to get out of his vehicle. A deputy arrived and the man was intoxicated and combative. Another deputy arrived and he still refused to get out of the vehicle. Eventually they were able to pull him out and he was arrested because he would just not listen.

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.29 203xx Xavis St NW – tabs on vehicle's license plate tampered with

Arrests

04.01 Lake George/191 Ave NW – DWI 2nd degree; on patrol a deputy observed a vehicle in the embankment about 30 feet off the roadway. He stopped to assist. When he made contact, he could smell alcohol and the driver appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .22 Charges were elevated due to a prior DWI.

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