



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 05.03.24

Scams

04.28 The caller reported his father had fallen victim to a theft by swindle of at least \$49,000 by wire fraud. The suspect had called the victim and convinced him to reset his online password and tricking him into sending the passcode that was texted to him by Wells Fargo. The suspect was able to complete a wire transfer under the guise of an investment. The suspect also used a spoofed phone number that matched Wells Fargo. The suspect then had the victim go in person to the Wells Fargo branch and complete another \$49,000 wire transfer under the guise that he was assisting undercover police who were trying to catch a teller stealing from the bank. This second transaction was cancelled because it was deemed suspicious by Wells Fargo.

05.02 The victim said Microsoft was working on his computer and he had given them control. I looked closer and could see whoever was controlling the computer remotely appeared to be opening files. I then shut the computer down in an attempt to prevent it from being accessed further. The victim was never able to fully explain how the party on the phone had gotten his number to make contact with him or how they had accessed his computer, but he was able to tell me that this started when he was trying to access a new gmail account he had recently created. It is believed based on the conversation with the victim that the party on the phone likely accessed his information and computer through a scam email link. He informed me that the party on the phone instructed him to withdraw \$40,000 from his bank and deposit it into some sort of federal bank. He said the male also told him not to bring his phone when he was completing the deposit. The victim sent his wife to the bank to make the withdrawal. Her phone was sitting on the computer desk and I was unable to make contact with her. A short time into my conversation with the victim, his wife returned home informing me she had gone to the bank but did not withdraw money because the bank informed her she was being scammed.

Andover

Burglaries

04.27 138xxx Round Lake Blvd NW – business; used a fire extinguisher to break window, sunglasses

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.26 2151 140 Lane NW – a tire on a vehicle parked in the driveway overnight was slashed

Arrests

04.26 32xx 170 Lane NW – Assault; deputies responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend physical altercation. The girlfriend was arrested.

04.26 Drake/Andover Blvd NW – DWI 4th degree; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 68/55. When the deputy made contact, he could smell alcohol. Field sobriety tests were failed and the male was arrested. .08

04.28 13300 Block Round Lake Blvd NW – Drugs; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 56/45. When he made contact with the driver, he observed a baggie in plain view with a white powdery substance. After investigating, the male passenger was arrested. The substance tested as meth.

04.29 32xx 165 Lane NW – Disorderly Conduct; deputies responded to a physical fight between clients. After investigating, two juvenile females were arrested.

04.29 139xx Eagle St NW – Underage Drink and Drive; a caller reported a young person trying to get into her home. Deputies arrived and located the female who was in a vehicle and appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were failed and she blew a .05. She was arrested. Marijuana was also located in the vehicle.

05.01 Crosstown/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – DWI Refusal; a deputy was called to a property damage crash; one vehicle rear-ended another stopped at a light. The driver of the vehicle that rear-ended the other appeared impaired and stated she had a couple drinks earlier. Field sobriety tests were failed and she PBT'd .30. Open alcohol shooters were found in her purse. She was arrested.

Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.29 1xx Main St NW – A vehicle hit another vehicle and left the scene; witnesses lead deputies to the identity of the driver. She was located by Isanti PD and pulled over and charged with a DWI and hit and run.

Columbus

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

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.29 189xx Breezy Point Dr NE – “nerf” wars participants were on private property; extra patrol

Arrests

04.27 Hwy 65/237 Ave NE – Expired Tabs; a deputy stopped a driver for having 2022 tabs. When he was investigating, he learned the male was stopped a couple months before and told to update his tabs, but he didn't. This time, he was arrested.

04.27 181xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; deputies learned a female was at the location and she had a warrant. She was located and arrested.

04.28 Viking/Hwy 65 NE – No Driver's License; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. He passed field sobriety tests, but he did not have a driver's license. He was arrested.

04.28 9xx 189 Ave NE – Assault; deputies responded to a fight between residents. A juvenile female was arrested.

04.29 Hwy 65/205th Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male driving and knew he had a warrant. He stopped the vehicle, confirmed the warrant, and the male was arrested.

04.30 Hwy 65/Sims Rd NE – Drugs; a deputy stopped two vehicles that appeared suspicious and were traveling “together.” One of the driver's did not have a license or insurance so his vehicle was

towed. While searching the vehicle, meth was found. The driver of the other vehicle was the owner of the meth. She was arrested.

04.29 Viking/North Coon Lake Dr NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male driving a vehicle and knew he had a warrant. He was stopped, identified, and the warrant was confirmed. He was arrested.

05.02 9xx 189 Ave NE – Assault; deputies responded to an assault between clients at the location. A female juvenile was arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.29 149 Ave/Lever St NE – illegal dumping of a boat and trailer

04.29 5xx 173 Lane NE – a motor stolen off the back of the boat; unsecured

04.30 178xx Hwy 65 NE – overnight theft of a trailer from a business; GPS puts it in Mpls

05.01 5xx 177 Ave NE – theft from an unlocked vehicle; garage door opener

Arrests

04.27 Hwy 65/Andover Blvd NE – Warrant Arrest; an off-duty officer observed a male driving and he knew he had warrants. A deputy was able to locate the vehicle and stop and identify the driver. He was arrested.

04.30 17xx 143 Lane NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy learned a male was heading to the location and he had two felony warrants. The deputy waited for the male to arrive. He was located and arrested.

05.02 2600 Block Bunker Lake Blvd NE – DWI 2nd degree; a deputy stopped to assist a driver who was pulled over on the side of the road. When he made contact with the driver, he observed open beer cans on the floor and could smell alcohol. When asked if the driver would perform field sobriety tests, he stated he was too tipsy because he had 8 beers. He was arrested. .238 Charges were elevated due to a prior DWI.

Linwood

Arrests

04.30 229xx W Martin Lake Dr NE – Probable Cause; Cambridge PD asked a deputy to go arrest someone who was involved in “threats of violence.” The deputy went to the location, located the juvenile male and took him into custody.

Nowthen

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

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.27 Lake George Park – theft from an unsecured vehicle; purse

04.27 Lake George Park – theft from an unsecured vehicle; wallet

Arrests

04.28 Nightingale/Sims Rd NW – DWI 4th degree; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. When he made contact, the driver was having a difficult time rolling down the correct window. He appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were failed, and he was arrested. .103

05.01 Lake George/225 Ave NW – Criminal Vehicular Operation; deputies responded to a rollover injury crash. When they arrived, they spoke to the two people wandering around the vehicle. Their stories did not match about who was driving. After investigating it was determined the female was driving and she appeared impaired. A warrant for blood was obtained. She was arrested. Charges may be elevated due to two prior DWI convictions.

****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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