



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

### **SHERIFF BRAD WISE**

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 05.05.23**

#### **Scams**

04.28 The victim reported that she had used the website [oliviasbassethoundpuppies.com](http://oliviasbassethoundpuppies.com) to attempt to purchase a puppy. She reported that she had been communicating with a male named Nicholas Roberson to arrange the sale. She advised me that she had transferred \$800 using Zelle to pay for the puppy on 04/25/23. She stated that she had then made further payment for the puppy by purchasing apple gift cards for the business with a total value of \$3800 on 04/26/23 and 04/27/23. She reported that the business was believed to be located in Montana and that the dog was to be shipped to her and arrive on 04/27/23. She reported that the puppy had not arrived on 04/27/23 and that when she contacted the business they had requested she pay an additional \$1000 prior to them shipping the dog. She reported that at this time she became concerned that the entire purchase of the puppy had been fraudulent and reported the incident to Wells Fargo where she banks and had used Zelle for the initial transaction.

04.29 The victim stated that she received a call from someone who claimed to be Xcel Energy. The phone number 651-229-2548 came back not on file and was most likely a scam call. The caller requested her name, address and the phone number that was on file with the company. The caller stated that they would be over to the house in the next thirty minutes to take the meter from the house. She ended the phone call and was concerned someone would show up to her house. On arrival, I talked with her and advised them that the call was most likely a scam call. She had already called Xcel Energy to verify that the company did not call them about their meter.

05.01 I made contact with the victim who stated she tried to purchase a dog online through a website called Craig's Dachshund, [www.craigsdachshundhome.com](http://www.craigsdachshundhome.com) yesterday. When she wired \$500 via cash app Zelle she never received a confirmation of her purchase. She was not able to make contact with the vendor who identify as Kayla Larry. Kayla used the email [Kayfromthebayy@aol.com](mailto:Kayfromthebayy@aol.com). I told her to contact her bank and see if they could help her.

05.01 The victim had been communicating with a person on Instagram and Snapchat that he believed was a female named Lexxy from the United Kingdom. He reported that he had provided "Lexxy" with a picture of himself completely undressed that included his face. He stated that "Lexxy" subsequently threatened to disseminate images of him on social media if he did not provide her with \$350. He stated that "Lexxy" had also threatened to make posts on social media claiming that he had sexually assaulted a child if he failed to pay her. He reported that "Lexxy" had used the Instagram account: [LEXXYMARRRY224](#) and the Snapchat account: [KYLE232932](#) to communicate with him. He stated that no money had been exchanged.

05.02 The victim stated that he went onto his Cabela's account and saw that he was missing points and there was an order for a Ruger-57 pistol cartridge in 5.7x28mm. He sent me a photograph of the Ruger pistol and verified with Cabela's that the gun was ordered under his account. He stated that the order was supposed to be delivered to a Bass Pro Shop in Illinois. He also stated that the order

was supposed to be picked up by a Marcus XXXX, with a residence in Chicago. The order was placed on 04/28/2023. He stated he then went into the Bass Pro Shop in Rogers, MN and they were able to confirm the purchase and then cancel the order.

05.02 The victim explained that early in April, 2023, he was looking on Facebook Marketplace for a vehicle to buy his wife. He saw an ad for a 1969 Chevrolet Camaro SS on ebay Motors. This vehicle was listed by S. Collins for \$24,400. He clicked on the ad and was brought to the ebay site. He contacted S. Collins via email, shannon73cns@gmail.com, and told her he was interested in the vehicle. He proceeded with purchasing the vehicle. S. Collins wanted a private wire money transfer and they did not use the ebay Motors money transfer process. The victim went to his bank and wired \$24,400 to her bank. The vehicle was never delivered and S. Collins is no longer emailing. He now believes he was swindled.

05.03 The victim is 15 years old. He told me that someone on Snapchat posing to be a woman sent him nude photographs and he sent some back. He was unsure how many he sent, and he said the photos had his whole body in them including his face, and the nude photos included his privates. The person who he was also communicating with on Instagram, was threatening him saying that unless they were given \$500, they would send the pictures to his friends and family. He also said they made a group chat that had the nude photos, and they were inviting his friends to join the group chat. I advised him not to send them any money as it would not help the situation. He confirmed that he did not know who this person was and met them through social media. The Snapchat username for the person is ALEXIABLISS94 and the Instagram username is ALEXIA.MARY\_.

## **Andover**

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

- 05.03 172xx Partridge St NW – x2 golf bags and clubs stolen from an unsecured enclosed trailer
- 05.03 152xx Hanson Blvd NW – illegal dumping at recycling center; suspect identified and contacted
- 05.04 21xx Andover Blvd NW – theft of bike from the high school
- 05.04 20xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – theft of unlocked bike from bike rack outside Target

### **Arrests**

04.29 17xx 146 Lane NW – Disorderly Conduct; a witness called complaining about two intoxicated males playing loud music and outside yelling profanities. Deputies arrived and one of the males became combative. After investigating it was decided to take the male into custody but there was no one to take care of the kids because the mother was at work and could not leave. He will be mailed a citation.

04.28 148 Lane/Grouse St NW – Drugs; a caller reported a male in a vehicle slumped over the wheel with drugs and paraphernalia in plain sight. When they arrived the male was out of it and could not perform field sobriety tests. A warrant for blood was obtained and he was arrested. DWI charges are pending results. Fentanyl was found.

04.29 Round Lake/149 Ave NW – Controlled Substance Possession; a deputy ran a plate and the driver came back with no driver's license, but he did have a warrant. The deputy stopped him and he was arrested. Marijuana and fentanyl were also found in the vehicle.

04.30 Verdin/168 Lane NW – DWI 4<sup>th</sup> degree; a caller reported a suspicious vehicle running at the location with its headlights on but not moving. A deputy located the vehicle and made contact with the driver who appeared impaired. He was believed to be under the influence of drugs and PBT'd .0.

Field sobriety tests were failed and a warrant for blood was obtained. The driver said "I definitely probably will test positive for pot or something. I smoke this funky CBD weed." He was arrested.

05.01 24xx 135 Av NW – Assault; deputies responded to a physical fight between sisters. One was arrested.

05.02 143xx Vale St NW – Domestic Assault; a deputy took a report from a wife who had a physical domestic with her husband. After investigating, it was determined the husband would be arrested.

## **Bethel**

### **Arrests**

04.30 Nightingale/237 Ave NW – No Contact Order Violation; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 62/55. The deputy asked for his driver's license and when he ran it, he had a felony warrant and no driver's license. He was also in the vehicle with a woman who had a no contact order against him. He was arrested.

05.01 237xx Cooper Ave NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy was witnessing a road rage incident where one driver abruptly turned. He stopped the vehicle to see what was going on. The vehicle pulled into a driveway and a male quickly got out and walked away. The deputy got him to stop and he was identified. He had a warrant and was arrested.

## **Columbus**

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

04.29 152xx Zurich St NE – license plate stolen from a vehicle at the hotel

### **Arrests**

04.30 92xx Lake Dr NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a running vehicle outside a closed business and stopped to investigate. The driver was identified and clear of warrants, but his passenger who was outside the vehicle had a warrant. She was arrested.

05.03 6700 Block 167 Ave NE – Drugs; a caller reported her boyfriend trying to kill her with a gun. Deputies arrived and after speaking to the woman, it appeared she was having a drug induced hallucination. When speaking with the boyfriend, meth was found on him and he was arrested.

## **East Bethel**

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

04.28 181xxHwy 65 NE – home vandalized; spray painted

04.28 211xx Hey 65 NE – theft of fish finders from multiple pontoons at the business

05.03 203xx Palisade St NE – ATV stolen; parked in a field

### **Arrests**

04.30 197xx Rochester St NE – Drugs, No Contact Order Violation; deputies were at the location to serve a search warrant. They located a crystal substance inside that was consistent with meth. The substance was seized and brought to the forensic lab. There was also a male at the location who had a No Contact Order against him by the woman who owns the house. He was also arrested.

## **Ham Lake**

## **Burglaries**

05.04 139xx Yancy St NE – forced entry into barn; owner startled suspect and he ran

## **Thefts & Damage to Property**

05.04 3xx Bunker Lake Blvd NE – a vehicle that was inoperable was stolen from the business

## **Arrests**

04.30 149xx Durant St NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a husband/wife domestic. They decided to take the husband into custody, and he was refusing to come outside. They breached the home and he was arrested.

05.01 30xx Hemlock Lane NE – Warrant Arrests; a deputy went to the location looking for a male with multiple warrants. She spoke to the homeowner who let her search the house. The male was found hiding in the closet and arrested.

## **Linwood**

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

05.04 69xx 228 Ave NE – theft of a ladder from a yard; caught on camera

## **Nowthen**

### **Arrests**

04.29 199xx Iguana St NW - No License, Canceled IPS; a deputy stopped a driver for expired tabs. When the driver was run, he was found to have no license. He was arrested.

## **Oak Grove**

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

04.29 204xx Kerry St NW – vandalism; yard ripped up by a vehicle

### **Arrests**

04.28 219xx Drake St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend domestic. The boyfriend was arrested.

05.01 16xx Sims Rd NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went to the location looking for a male with a warrant. He was located hiding in a shed.

*\*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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