



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 06.30.23

Scams

06.28 The victim tried to purchase a golf cart on Facebook marketplace for \$160 from Nancey Loice. She used Venmo to give Nancey \$160. The username was Leroy-Kroll-1. After the transaction she was told to pick up the golf cart in Rosemount. When she went to the location, she was told by the resident there was no golf cart for sale and several other people have stop by the residence to purchase a golf cart.

06.29 Very elaborate scam involving blackmail, extortion, and ICE. The victim reported he was in trouble and needed help. He stated an ICE agent was after him and he was being extorted. In May of 2022 he met a female, "Harley Abbott", on the application "Chat." After texting for a week or so, he sent her approximately \$4,000 worth of Apple gift cards at her request. He did not send them to an actual address; he sent her pictures of the serial numbers. This money was for travel expenses so she could visit him. Around the same time, he exchanged nude photographs with Abbott. When she never arrived she continued to make excuses and ask for more money, he realized she was not coming and blocked her. Approximately two weeks ago she sent him an email indicating she has changed for the better so they started communicating again. Once the messaging started back up, he started receiving messages from "James Brunce." This person claimed to be an ICE agent and advised him that he was going to be arrested for coercing Abbott into sending nude photographs. Brunce started requesting payment by way of Apple Pay and Paypal; the victim obliged and sent approximately \$3,000 in a little over one week. When he indicated he didn't have any more money, he started receiving messages from "Wade Cox" who also claimed to be an ICE agent. Messages also came from "Samyra Starr Jamauri" who claimed to be Abbott's neighbor. This person was advising to him to cooperative and avoid prison. He believed the agents to be real and showed me a photograph sent by Brunce. The picture was supposedly Brunce's badge and ID card. Using google, I found the exact same picture online with other similar pictures. While speaking with the victim, he received a message from Brunce stating, "You there." He was uncomfortable replying so I replied for him. I sent a message advising who I was and that the victim was now aware of this scam. I stated they would not be receiving any further payments from the victim and to stop communicating with him. Moments after sending that message, Brunce left the chat without responding. The victim was advised to block everyone related to this incident and stop using this application. I advised him to contact me if any further threats occur and to stop wiring money to internet contacts he cannot verify. Total monetary loss is approximately \$7,000.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.23 28xx 172 Ave NW – theft of mail over a couple weeks; taking grad cards, one check cashed

Arrests

06.24 13300 Block Round Lake Blvd NW – DWI 3rd degree; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 97/55. When he made contact with the driver, he smelled alcohol. Field sobriety test were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .19

06.24 32xx 174 Ave NW – Drugs, Warrants; a deputy observed a male in the driveway and he knew he had three warrants. The deputy ordered the male to stop and he was arrested. While searching the male before putting him in the squad, paraphernalia, fentanyl, and meth were found.

06.26 139xx Silverod St NW – Warrant Arrest; the juvenile division of the courts requested we go to the location and arrest a juvenile male on a felony assault warrant. He was located and arrested.

Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.27 237xx University Ave NW – lock cut from gate; vehicles at location tampered with

Arrests

06.24 Cooper Ave/Broadway St NW – Underage Drink and Drive; a deputy stopped a driver for blowing a stop sign. When he made contact, he smelled alcohol. The driver was 19 and stated he didn't have any alcohol. The Horizontal Gaze test was done with a lack of smooth pursuit. A PTB was administered and he blew .02. Being he is under 21, he was arrested.

Columbus

Arrests

06.24 182xx Vauxhall St NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a call from a woman who was assaulted by her boyfriend the prior evening. After investigating, an attempt to locate the boyfriend for arrest was put out.

East Bethel

Burglaries

06.25 230xx Ulysses St NE – business; fence cut, skid steer moved outside gate

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.26 236xx Baltimore St NE – theft of a Bobcat from a worksite

Arrests

06.25 184xx 3rd St NE – Domestic; deputies responded to a mother/son domestic. When deputies arrived, the son was fleeing on a bike and refusing to listen to deputies. He was eventually taken into custody but continued to spit and fight with deputies so a spit hood was placed on him. He was arrested.

06.27 194xx Leyte St NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical fight between a brother and sister. The brother was arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.24 171xx Van Buren St NE – enclosed trailer stolen from the property; captured on video

06.25 90xx Birchview Ln NE – vehicle was stolen overnight

06.26 163xx Polk St NE – forced entry into a secured mailbox, check stolen
06.28 169 Ln/Van Buren St NE – stolen vehicle out of St. Paul located abandoned
06.28 10xx Meadow Lane NE – unlocked vehicle rummaged through overnight in driveway

Linwood

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

Nowthen

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.26 195xx Iguana St NW – forced entry to a storage unit; tools, guns

Arrests

06.26 197xx Bought St NW – Disorderly Conduct; deputies responded to a juvenile male threatening his parents and destroying items in the home. He was arrested.

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.29 202 Lane/Lake George Blvd NW – a stolen trailer was located abandoned; owner contacted

Arrests

06.26 227xx Cedar Dr NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies responded to an animal complaint at the location. When they arrived he issue was resolved but they discovered a male and a female at the location had multiple warrants. They were both 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.*

If you want to see data about what types of calls and how many we respond to log on to www.anokacounty.us/crimewatch and click on Crime Statistics on the left side. Stats are updated monthly.