



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 07.21.23

Scams

07.14 The victim stated that she got an email from Norton LifeLock stating her computer has been compromised and she needed to email her social security number, bank account, along with usernames and password. She did but then realized it was a scam after she sent the information. She immediately called her bank and the social security office. She stated they were going to take \$474, but as of now she is out no money.

07.18 The victim explained he was on the dating site Plenty of Fish. On July 6th he started messaging a woman who called herself Brittany Brown. He said that to be on this site you have to say you are 18 years or older. He said that Brittany often would text him sexually explicit texts and pictures. He texted her he was uncomfortable with these messages because he wanted to get to know her first. Brittany got the victim to switch from using the dating site to texting. She continued to text sexually explicit messages. Eventually someone who said they were Brittany's father (Gerald) told the victim that he found out that Brittany was messaging him and she is a minor. Gerald threatened to call the police. Gerald even allegedly had an FBI agent call the victim and tell him that he was at fault because he was texting a minor and had child pornography. The "father" said that if the victim gave him money, he would not pursue charges. Gerald said he needed the money to bring Brittany to sexual therapy. The victim sent \$987.52. The victim said he was so worried about being charged with child pornography. After speaking to his father, he called 911.

07.20 The victim applied for a personal assistant job with World Vision Organization. She had received a letter with instructions along with a check. The check was in the amount of \$2800. The instructions on the letter told her to deposit the check and notify them once this was completed. Once the victim notified them the check was deposited, she was instructed to send money through Zelle to a Bonita Stokes and a Miranda Morris. She sent a total of \$2130. She was later notified by her bank that the \$2800 check she deposited was fraudulent. The victim has since received more checks in the mail for her to do the same. The texting has since stopped since she discovered she was scammed.

07.20 The victim explained that she received an email from Amazon stating she had a \$1500 order that was being shipped to a different state. She called the number from the email. This led her to speaking to someone who identified as Federal Trade Commission Chair Lina Khan. She was told that she was involved in money laundering and other illegal activities. To rectify the situation, she was told to withdraw \$4000. She then went to Kohl's and bought twenty \$200 Sephora gift cards. She then told the person she was talking to on the phone all the gift card numbers. She lost a total of \$4000. She said she was speaking to two different numbers which were 202-860-0981 and 206-400-8312. I advised her to make a report with her bank.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 07.14 1xx 139 Ave NW – theft of medications from the mailbox
- 07.14 12xx 155 Lane NW – unlocked vehicle in driveway rummage through overnight
- 07.17 160xx N Enchanted Dr NW – theft of a license plate from a vehicle
- 07.17 6xx 140 Lane NW – a vehicle in the driveway was shot by a paintball gun causing damage
- 07.17 154xx Wintergreen St NW – vandalism; home tp'd and fishing line strung
- 07.19 6xx 141 Lane NW – vandalism; limbs cut off apple trees, apples stolen

Arrests

- 07.15 137xx Ibis St NW – DWI 2nd degree; callers reported a possible drunk driver leaving the location. A deputy observed the vehicle and caught the poor driving conduct on camera. He stopped the male who appeared impaired and stated he had four beers. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .263
- 07.17 Jay St/138 Ave NW – DWI 3rd degree; a caller reported a possible drunk driver. The deputy located the vehicle and observed poor driving conduct. He stopped the driver. She appeared impaired and stated she had one drink. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .19
- 07.17 31xx 140 Ave NW – DWI 4th degree; deputies were called to a personal injury crash. When they arrived, they located two vehicles, one had hit the other. Witnesses stated the one vehicle was all over the road. A deputy went to talk to the driver and he appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were failed and he blew a .08. However, 11 grams of marijuana was found in his vehicle. He was arrested.
- 07.17 144xx Round Lake Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; a resident called in a woman changing her clothes near the wood line of his property. A deputy located her, and she stated she was homeless and was waiting for a friend to pick her up. The deputy ran her name and she had two warrants. She was arrested.
- 07.18 Martin/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – DWI 4th degree; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a rear license light. The driver smelled like alcohol and the deputy asked how many drinks he had, and he stated he couldn't remember. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .08
- 07.18 136xx Martin St NW – DWI 4th degree; callers reported an intoxicated male who fell in a parking lot was leaving, driving a vehicle. A deputy located him and he was stopped. He smelled like alcohol and appeared impaired. He stated he had 6 beers. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .09
- 07.19 38xx 174 Ave NW – Warrant Arrest; the Department of Corrections contacted us and requested we go to arrest a male with a patrol violation. He was located and arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

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

East Bethel

Burglaries

07.14 13xx 226 Ave NE – lock cut off a shed; tires and rims were stolen

07.19 232xx Taylor St NE – entered through open garage door, stole cash and cc out of purse

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.14 18600 Block of Hwy 65 NE – mail from this block of addresses found in Anoka

07.17 3xx Laurel Rd NE – BB gun shooting in the area; suspect identified and talked to

07.20 206xx Hwy 65 NE – electrical wiring stolen from outdoor hockey rink lighting system

Arrests

07.15 197xx Rochester St NE – Warrant Arrests x2; deputies learned there was a female and male at the location with drug warrants. They went to locate them and found them outside the home. They were identified and arrested. Drugs, paraphernalia, and lock picking tools were found in their vehicle.

07.18 221 Ave/Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest x2; a deputy observed a suspicious vehicle and it had a cracked windshield, so she stopped it. When she made contact, there was a strong smell of marijuana. The occupants were identified, and one had a warrant. He was arrested. Drugs and paraphernalia were found in the vehicle.

07.20 11xx 231 Lane NE – Warrant Arrest x2; deputies learned there were three people at the location with warrants. They surrounded the home, two were located and arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.19 178xx Central Ave – business, vandalism; golf balls and pellets shot at building

07.19 17xx Constance Blvd NE – school, vandalism; screens cut, writing on doors

07.19 12xx 157 Ave NE – park; 3 vehicles had broken rear windows; purse, earbuds, jewelry – credit cards that were stolen were used in Coon Rapids less than an hour later

Arrests

07.14 14xx Constance Blvd NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male driving and he knew he had no license and at least two warrants. While the deputy was investigating, the male pulled into a gas station and locked himself in the bathroom. Deputies were able to talk him out. He was arrested.

07.20 Lexington/133 Lane NE – DWI 3rd degree; a deputy stopped a driver for going 35 in a 55 thinking there was something wrong. The driver appeared impaired and had a beer in the console. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .29

Linwood

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

Nowthen

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Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.18 223xx University Ave NW – theft of amazon packages from mailbox

**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.