



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

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 09.01.23**

### **Scams**

08.26 The victim stated that on 8/25/2023 she googled booking.com and called 240-979-1616 to attempt to get a refund from a hotel she didn't use last October. She stated she spoke with a male with broken English who advised her account was closed and that she would need to go to Target who they are in affiliation with to get a gift card for \$330 dollars to send them and they would reimburse her at that time. She stated she went to Target and got the gift card and contacted the male again and gave him the card number. He told her the computer system timed out and she needed to do it again, so she went and got another \$330 dollar gift card from Target. The male told her the same thing, so he told her to go to Walgreens to get a gift card for \$400 dollars at Game Stop, so she did and gave him the info. At this time her husband spoke with the male and thought something was up. They contacted the bank and they advised her the money was out of her account and she called both Target and Walgreens and was advised they were now zeroed. She had no other information and had contacted the proper people to help her out. I googled the number and it came back warning for fraud.

08.28 The father of the victim advised that someone online was trying to extort his son. The son has been using an app called "Wiz." Through Wiz, he was briefly speaking with an unknown person with a female and a dog in a profile picture. He claimed that he blocked this person 3 weeks ago and had no way to get the username. He had previously given his phone number to this person. Today, someone was texting him from the email, "hammedmoshood305@gmail.com." The son stated they asked for a picture of his privates, but he did not send it. He then stated that they somehow got a photo of him and photoshopped a picture of a private on it and threatened to send it to all of his contacts unless he sent \$50. No money was sent. He also stated that after he blocked the email address from texting him but another number texted him to send money. I advised him to block all associated numbers and delete Wiz.

### **Andover**

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

08.27 13xx 148 Lane NW – vandalism; a home was tp'd, suspects advised to clean it up

08.28 137xx Round Lake Blvd NW – a vehicle in the parking lot was randomly "keyed"

08.29 36xx 152 Ave NW – random male knocking on doors asking for water; deputies ID'd him

08.31 11xx Andover Blvd NW – vandalism; door on house kicked in, no trespassing signs ripped

### **Arrests**

08.29 136xx Martin St NW – DWI 3<sup>rd</sup> degree; a caller reported disorderly and intoxicated individuals in a parking lot arguing over a dog. When deputies were arriving, one of the suspect vehicles was leaving and they stopped it. The driver appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .20

08.30 138xx Palm St NW – Protection Violation, Warrant; a caller reported a male with a harassment order against him was at the location. Deputies arrived and located the male, he was arrested. He also had a warrant.

08.31 20xx 151 Lane NW – Domestic Assault; deputies were called to a mother son domestic. The son had fled. An order to locate and arrest the son was put out and he was found in Maplewood.

09.01 35xx 142 Lane NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies learned a male with two felony warrants were at the address. They arrived, located and male, and he was arrested.

## **Bethel**

### **Arrests**

08.29 23500 Block Kumquat St NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male driving and knew he had a felony warrant. He attempted to stop him and the male fled into oncoming traffic. The vehicle eventually stopped when caught in a cul-de-sac. The driver's identity was confirmed and he was arrested. The vehicle was impounded due to no proof of ownership and meth was found during the search prior to towing.

## **Columbus**

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

08.28 138xx W Freeway Dr NE – a leaf blower stolen out of the back of a landscaping truck

08.30 196xx Lexington Ave NE – illegal dumping, abandoned trailer

## **East Bethel**

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

08.28 206xx Hwy 65 NE – mats to cover the ice were stolen from an unsecured area behind the rink

### **Arrests**

08.27 230xx Hwy 65 NE – Trespass, Damage to Property, Disorderly Conduct; a male reported his ex-girlfriend is breaking a window and entering his home. Deputies arrived and the ex-girlfriend was arrested.

08.30 222xx Palisade St NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male and female in the park at 3:30 am. He stopped to advise them the park was closed. They were identified and the female had a warrant. She was arrested.

08.30 Lincoln Dr/Laurel Rd NE – DWI Refusal; a caller reported a male driver going in and out of consciousness and driving in and out of the ditch. The deputy located the vehicle and stopped it. The driver smelled like alcohol and stated he had been drinking vodka. He refused field sobriety tests. He was arrested. .341

## **Ham Lake**

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

08.28 28xx 149 Ave NE – theft of packages from the front steps

08.30 138xx Aberdeen St NE – parts stolen from a vehicle parked at a car dealership

## **Arrests**

08.27 Hwy 65/Crosstown Blvd NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for no front plate and a cracked windshield. The driver was identified and he had warrants. While being arrested, the male said he swallowed some meth. He was observed for 4 hours by medical professionals – he was fine - and then brought to jail.

08.28 70xx Birchview Lane NE – Domestic Assault; a female reported her ex-boyfriend had just broken into her home and stole a vehicle. Deputies arrived and searched for the suspect. An apprehension order was placed on him.

08.28 16xx Bunker Lake Blvd NE – Domestic Assault; a male reported his ex-girlfriend coming to his home and attacking him. Deputies arrived and investigated. The ex-girlfriend was arrested.

08.29 Bunker Lake/Jefferson Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for not having any taillights. The driver said she did not have a license or insurance. The deputy ran her name and learned she did have a warrant. She was arrested.

## **Linwood**

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

## **Nowthen**

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

08.25 57xx Old Viking Blvd NW – vandalism to mailbox

## **Oak Grove**

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

08.26 32xx Viking Blvd NW – vandalism; a vehicle was egged

## **Arrests**

08.28 199xx Flamingo St NW – Warrant Arrest; a male with warrants who frequents the area was located hiding in the woods. His identified and warrants were confirmed and he was arrested.

08.31 Viking Blvd/Nightingale St NW – DWI 3<sup>rd</sup> degree; a CSO was performing a motorist assist when the female started having a diabetic issue and called for an ambulance. A deputy arrived, and the female appeared impaired and her blood sugar was in normal range. The deputy asked her if she had been drinking and she said no. She gave a breath sample and showed .30. She as 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.*

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