



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

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 09.22.23**

### **Scams**

09.01 The victim stated he received a call from 651-899-0257. He reported that the caller said they were going to show up at his address later in the evening to serve him a "civil complaint." The person said they were with the "National Dispute Center" and had the last four numbers of his SSN. I advised him the call was almost certainly a scam attempt and to monitor his credit. Also to call 911 if anyone showed up at his residence later.

09.03 The victim reported she had been scammed by a false Facebook page selling tickets. She found a FB page called student ticket exchange for the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She said she was trying to surprise her daughter who is a student there by purchasing tickets to some football games. She was speaking with the profile name of Karey Williamson. Karey offered her 5 tickets for \$250. She sent the money using Zelle to an account with the name of Krystal Obst. She has since not received the tickets or had any further contact with anyone.

09.04 The victim attempted to go online and schedule a massage. He made an appointment with a female named Kathy Beyonce. He reported that she was not forthcoming with the address where her studio was located but eventually provided him with an address which he determined belonged to the AmericInn. He stated that he then determined that the arranged massage was likely a scam and declined to make any further arrangements. He stated Beyonce began to harass him via text about canceling the massage and threatened that others would get involved if he failed to pay her. He reported he eventually agreed to Venmo her \$200. He stated that Beyonce then requested that he pay her boss \$100 which he complied with. He stated that he then received fictitious text messages claiming to be from Venmo indicating that his payment of \$100 was not received and that he would need to attempt to make the payment again. He reported that in total he had provided \$400 via Venmo to Beyonce or her acquaintances. He continued to get threatening texts. I advised him to end all contact.

09.06 The victim stated an unknown person claimed they were from the fraud department of his bank and advised him that there was a person trying to remove \$2,000 from his account and wanted to know if he wanted the transaction to be completed. The victim advised him that it was not him and to cancel the transaction. He stated that the person said he would be sending him an authorization number to his phone on record with the bank. He received the code and gave the number to the male. At that time he looked at his account online and he could see that someone just removed \$500 from his account. He then hung up with the male and locked his account. He contacted his bank and they advised him that he was scammed.

09.11 The victim stated on 8-8-23 she was contacted via phone by a male named James Anderson. This male stated that she had won the Publisher's Clearing House competition and would be awarded 2.6 million dollars. She continued to communicate with this male and he requested \$18,000 for MN State Taxes. She mailed him a check the same day, via priority mail. The check was mailed to PO Box

South Carolina. The check was made out to Cynthia Frazier of Fortune Flor LLC. The check was cashed on 8-11-23. The victim has been in phone contact with this unknown male and believed she had been scammed when they requested more money for federal taxes. The victim called Publisher's Clearing House and they confirmed she was not a winner. She went to her bank and they closed her current account but stated the check was cashed and there is no way to get her money back.

09.15 This is a long report so I will summarize. A woman found a home for rent on Craigslist in the city of Coon Rapids. She did all her due diligence to make sure it was real and identified the male saying the home was his. She completed the application and paid the \$75 fee. She received approval and set up a tour of the property. The application collected all her personal information – banking, social security, etc. The ad ended up being fake. Her information was used to make multiple purchases on her credit cards.

09.20 The victim reported he replied to a house for rent on FB Marketplace. The company ID'd themselves as Michelle's Rentals. It showed the house renting for \$1050/month. The victim reached out and they only communicated by messenger and he never got a phone number. They told him he could tour the house but they needed a \$400 deposit fee and they could only accept it by cash app. He said he could not do that so they told him \$200. The victim looked the address up on google and found it listed by a realtor in Coon Rapids with Keller Williams. He called the realtor, and they said he was the 3<sup>rd</sup> scam incident this week on this property.

## **Andover**

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

09.05 16xx Crosstown Blvd NW – illegal dumping at the recycling center; suspects identified

09.05 4xx 144 Ave NW – a bike leaning up against a garage was stolen; caught on camera

### **Arrests**

09.04 32xx 173 Ave NW – Controlled Substance; deputies were called to a boyfriend/girlfriend domestic. When they arrived the boyfriend had left. After investigating, they decided to attempt to locate and arrest him. When they found him, he was searched and drugs were found. He was arrested.

09.09 17xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – DWI 4<sup>th</sup> degree; a business requested a welfare check on a male who was sitting in a vehicle in their lot. When the deputy arrived he observed the male passed out with an "endust" can in his hand. There were several more cans in the vehicle. Sobriety tests were conducted and failed. A warrant for blood was obtained and he was arrested.

09.09 1xx 157 Ave NW – Domestic Assault; deputies were called to a physical fight between a boyfriend and girlfriend. The caller stated there are multiple firearms in the home. When they arrived they located a female with her two children and brought them to a safe space. They went in search of the boyfriend who was hiding. He was located.

09.12 17xx 177 Lane NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies responded to a fight between a father and son. It proved to be a mutual fight so no charges were leveled. However, the father had a warrant so he was arrested.

09.14 138xx Palm St NW – Domestic; deputies responded to a male violating an order for protection at the location. When they arrived, the male had left. He was located nearby and arrested.

09.14 Quinn St/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Drugs; while inside a business, a deputy (who is a drug recognition expert – DRE) observed a female who was acting erratic and appeared to be under the influence of a stimulant. She left the store, got in a vehicle, and drove away. The deputy stopped her and asked her about her behavior. She denied using drugs. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She PBT'd .00. Meth was located in the vehicle. A warrant for blood was obtained and she was arrested.

09.15 Bunker Lake/Crosstown Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy ran a plate and the registered owner came back with no driver's license but she did have a warrant. The warrant was confirmed and he stopped the vehicle. The driver's identify was confirmed and she was arrested.

09.17 Bunker Lake/Marigold St NW – No Driver's License; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 89/45. The driver stated he did not have a license and provided the deputy with his name – which he lied about. He was asked to step out of the vehicle and he began to argue. Eventually he was removed from the vehicle and arrested.

09.18 Underclift/138 Lane NW – DWI 4<sup>th</sup> degree; a deputy stopped a vehicle for having a headlight out. The driver appeared impaired and the deputy smelled marijuana. The driver said he smokes marijuana daily. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. A warrant for blood was obtained and the male was arrested.

09.19 Crosstown/Bluebird St NW – DWI 4<sup>th</sup> degree; a Community Service Officer observed a driver committing multiple driving violations and called a deputy to the location. The deputy located the vehicle and made contact with the driver. She seemed impaired. She stated she had taken some medication earlier. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. While investigating, the suspect fell asleep in the back of the squad. A warrant for blood was obtained. She was arrested.

## **Bethel**

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

09.20 240xx Alder St NW – theft from an unsecured shed; tools

## **Columbus**

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

09.04 142xx Lake Dr NE – vandalism; windshield on a vehicle was smashed

09.15 149xx Furman St NE – theft of a vehicle; key in it

### **Arrests**

09.13 96xx 152 Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; Ramsey County requested we go to the location and attempt to locate a male with a felony warrant. The deputy arrived, located the male, and he was arrested.

09.15 96xx Howard Lake Dr NE – Domestic Assault; a deputy responded to a delayed domestic assault report between a husband and wife. After investigating, the husband was arrested.

## **East Bethel**

### **Burglaries**

09.02 184xx Hwy 65 NE – business; phone lines cut, forced entry, tried to steal safe

09.16 205xx Aberdeen St NE – attempted; drilled lock out of storage unit, no entry made

## **Thefts & Damage to Property**

- 09.02 189xx Jewell St NE – an audio system and battery stolen out of a boat at the location
- 09.04 40xx Viking Blvd NE – vandalism; a vehicle was keyed overnight
- 09.07 184xx Lexington Ave NE – theft from an unsecured vehicle at a worksite; gun
- 09.11 239xx Hwy 65 NE – an UTV was driven through crops damaging them
- 09.17 25xx 224 Ave NE – damage to mailbox overnight – other mailboxes in area damaged too

## **Arrests**

- 09.01 Hwy 65/221<sup>st</sup> Ave NE – No DL; a deputy stopped a vehicle for not having brake lights. When the driver was identified, he did not have a DL. The vehicle was towed and he was arrested.
- 09.01 Viking/Taylor St NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a vehicle for having no break lights. The driver was identified and he had a warrant but no driver's license. He was arrested. His passenger had a license and was allowed to drive the vehicle away.
- 09.08 243xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went to the location looking for a male who has Isanti County warrants. He was located and arrested.
- 09.09 235xx Goodhue St NE – DWI Refusal; callers reported an ATV crash with an injured party. When deputies arrived, those involved had left the scene. Due to an injured person, deputies searched the neighborhood and located two females and the ATV. The driver of the ATV appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She refused to provide a PBT sample. Open beer cans were found in the ATV. She was arrested. Video later surfaced from a witness that captured the crash.
- 09.11 197xx Tri Oak Circle NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a mother/son domestic. They arrived and the son was arrested.
- 09.14 36xx Edmar Lane NE – Domestic; deputies responded to a call of a male breaking into a home through a window. The victim and suspect know each other. Deputies arrived and the male appeared to be intoxicated and having a mental health issues. He was uncooperative and fought deputies. The situation was eventually deescalated, and the male was provided medical care. Charges are pending.
- 09.18 19xx Klondike Dr NE – Assault; deputies responded to a call of a male being intentionally run over by a vehicle at the location. It turned out to be a disagreement between two males which resulted in one of them hitting and kicking the vehicle, and the other hitting that person with the his vehicle trying to get away. Video is being collected and the case will be charged out by our Criminal Investigation Division.
- 09.19 181xx Hwy 65 NE – Domestic Assault; a caller reported a female punching a male in the face. Deputies arrived and located the parties involved. After investigating, the female was arrested.

## **Ham Lake**

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

- 09.05 152xx Hwy 65 NE – a vehicle was stolen from a business; keys in it
- 09.05 153xx Central Ave NE – a bench was stolen from outside a business; caught on video
- 09.06 15xx 133 Lane NE – vandalism; eggs thrown at a vehicle overnight
- 09.10 173xx Hiawatha Beach Dr NE – vandalism to a mailbox overnight
- 09.12 171xx Lincoln St NE – abandoned RV

09.14 22xx 144 Lane NE – vandalism; glass on a door was shattered

09.21 28xx 179 Ave NE – vandalism; a boulder in yard was spray painted

### **Arrests**

09.02 40xx Mapleton Dr NE – Criminal Sexual Conduct; deputies obtained a search warrant and went to arrest two individuals from the location for a CSC charge. No one answered the knock at the door, a drone was sent in, they were located and arrested.

09.07 164xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; a caller reported a suspicious male at the location and requested his welfare be checked. A deputy arrived and located the male who was making bizarre statements and behaving oddly. He was identified and he had two felony warrants. He was arrested.

09.07 Hwy 65/147 Ave NE – DWI Refusal; callers reported a possible drunk driver who may have hit something because his bumper was dragging on the road. Deputies located the driver and made contact. He appeared impaired. He refused to test. He also had warrants. He was arrested. He attempted to bite deputies and was very belligerent.

09.10 14600 Block Hwy 65 NE – DWI 3<sup>rd</sup> degree; a caller reported he was following a vehicle on 65 that had just hit another vehicle and did not stop. A deputy located the victim of the hit and run and asked what happened. Another deputy located the suspect vehicle and stopped it. That driver was charged with a DWI and arrested. .14

## **Linwood**

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

09.05 227xx W Martin Lake Dr NE – Sawzall stolen from the front yard around noon

09.13 232xx E Martin Lake Dr NE – 2 secured kayaks stolen from a rack on the dock

09.15 68xx 225 Lane NE – theft from an unlocked vehicle; cigarettes

### **Arrests**

09.03 205xx Lyons St NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical domestic between a grandson and grandparents. The grandson was arrested.

09.10 76xx S Orinoco Circle NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical altercation between a mother and son. The son was arrested.

## **Nowthen**

### **Arrests**

09.04 5200 Block Norris Lake Rd NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver said he did not have a license. The deputy learned he did have a warrant out of Sibley County. He was arrested.

09.05 Rum River/Viking Blvd NW – DWI 2<sup>nd</sup> degree; a deputy observed a vehicle passing vehicles on the shoulder and speeding. He stopped it. The driver smelled like alcohol and field sobriety tests were conducted. She failed and was arrested. .159

09.14 213xx St Francis Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; Anoka County Corrections asked us to go to the location and look for a male who had a felony warrant. Deputies arrived and he was located in a pole barn and arrested.

09.16 83xx Viking Blvd NW – Drugs; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver did not have a driver’s license. The driver stated he did have a felony warrant. The deputy asked him to step out of the vehicle and he was arrested. The vehicle was searched prior to towing it and meth was found. Multiple paraphernalia items were also located.

09.17 70xx Old Viking Blvd NW – Obstruction; a deputy responded to an emergency call from a St Francis officer. When he arrived he observed the officer fighting with a male and assisted getting the male handcuffed. The fight began over a civil issue at the home.

## **Oak Grove**

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

09.21 187xx Lake George Blvd NW – paintballs were shot at the windows of the church

### **Arrests**

09.01 24xx Lake George Dr NW – Restraining Order Violation; deputies were called because a son was breaking a restraining order by being at the location. Deputies located him in the back yard with a weapon. He was taken into custody.

09.02 198xx Orchid St NW – Harassment; deputies went to the location to arrest a male who has made roughly 300 911 calls in thirty minutes being abusive, threatening, and harassing to dispatchers. He was located and arrested. He stated he will continue to call once he is released from jail.

09.07 216xx Lake George Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went to the location looking for a male with a warrant. He located the male and the male attempted to shut the garage door on the deputy but he was able to slip under the closing door. He was arrested.

09.08 215xx Goldenrod St NW – Drugs 5<sup>th</sup> degree; a deputy responded to a suspicious vehicle at a park where a woman was reported screaming. When he arrived he located a vehicle with the driver’s door open. A male was outside the vehicle, a female inside. They were separated and when asked what they were doing, and their stories did not match. Both had previous contacts with law enforcement for drugs. A K9 came and sniffed the vehicle and a bunch of Meth was found. Both were arrested.

09.13 196xx Yellow Pine St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a husband/wife domestic. When they arrived the parties were separated. An investigation was conducted and the husband was arrested.

09.20 Lake George/221 Ave NW – Warrant Arrest; a caller requested we check the welfare of a suspicious female walking in the bushes when a car comes by. The female was located in a ditch. She was identified and had a warrant. She was 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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