



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 09.29.23

Scams

09.26 The victim reported his identity had been stolen. He advised me that someone accessed his social security number and driver's license. He was not sure how his identity was stolen but was made aware of it when a car dealership called him about a recent purchase of a vehicle. He advised me that someone attempted to buy a 21 ACURA sedan from a dealer in Ohio using his social security number and driver's license information. He advised me that he noticed a credit check being completed and that is what drew his attention to the dealership. He spoke with the dealership, and they ultimately advised him they were able to stop the sale of the vehicle and had it returned after finding out that it was a fraudulent transaction. He explained that the purchase of the vehicle was attempted over the internet. I advised him to reach out to the local police department in Ohio and report the incident to them as well.

09.26 The victim called to report that she had received a letter from a company, Superior Servicing, approximately two weeks ago regarding the forgiveness or consolidation of her student loans. She said the letter appeared legitimate and appeared to be related to the government program "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" (FAFSA). The letter listed all of her personal information, including her social security number. She called the contact number on the letter and spoke to a customer service representative. The customer service rep asked questions about her employment, income, etc. to see if she qualified for their "assistance". She was then asked for her bank routing number and checking account number, which she provided. The customer service rep told her they would collect \$300 for their fee. Emily thought this meant it was coming out of her current loan amount, not her checking account and they did not make that part clear. On 09/15/2023, \$300 was taken out of her checking account by "www.eChk.to/sup 8662025126". She called her bank, and they froze her accounts and access. She also called NelNet, which is in charge of managing federal student loans, and they advised her she had been scammed and should contact law enforcement to make a report. She mentioned the University of MN recently had a large data leak that included students' social security numbers and other sensitive information.

09.28 The victim had \$2K transferred out of his account to his father's account. They advised me that he and his father have a joint account to which this money was taken from and deposited into his father's own account. He spoke with his father, and he claimed his account was hacked. I spoke with the father via phone, and he stated that he applied for a loan through 79cash.com where he gave them his routing and account number to receive the loan from a place called 24 Cash Today. The loan was for \$2,000.00 of which he never received. He stated that he filed a fraud report with his bank. I asked him to provide me with an account history print out to show that he never received any funds from the loan company. When reviewing the account, it shows that on 09/26/23 a transfer was made to the father from the joint account with a note "24 Cash Today" in the same column.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 09.24 20xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – theft of an unsecured bike from the bike rack at Target
- 09.26 14xx 140 Lane NW – a GPS stolen out of an unsecured vehicle
- 09.26 21xx 134 Ave NW – theft of a bike; juvenile suspect caught and cited
- 09.27 152xx Hanson Blvd NW – an unsecured backpack stolen from the basketball court at the Y

Arrests

- 09.23 196xx Yellow Pine St NW – No Contact Violation; a caller reported her dogs barking and she believed someone was outside her home. Deputies arrived and located her husband, whom she has a protection order against, outside the home. He was arrested.
- 09.24 175xx Verdin St NW – Terroristic Threats; a caller reported her ex-boyfriend trying to get into her house and threatening to kill her. Deputies arrived and located the suspect, and he had a weapon on him, and multiple other weapons in his vehicle. After investigating, the male was arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 09.22 82xx 181 Ave NE – vandalism; mailbox ripped out of the ground
- 09.22 152xx Zurich St NE – a stolen vehicle was located in the lot of the location; suspect identified
- 09.25 140xx W Freeway Dr NE – a camping trailer stolen from the lot at the business

Arrests

- 09.23 166xx Gehrig St NW – Shooting Complaint/Obstruction of Legal Process; deputies were called to the location due to someone firing a gun. They encountered two males who were uncooperative. Fresh casings were found at the scene. One male who refused to identify himself was arrested.

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 09.25 231xx Hwy 65 NE – 300 gallons of gas syphoned from fuel tank at the business
- 09.26 Coon Lake – unattended pontoon on the lake; deputies brought it back to shore

Arrests

- 09.24 Hwy 65/Sims Rd NE – DWI 4th degree; a female called 911 because she was driving home and had gotten lost. A deputy arrived to assist, and the woman appeared impaired. She stated she had been at a wedding. An anonymous caller had called her in as a possible drunk driver. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .173

- 09.24 Hwy 65/Viking Blvd NE – DWI 2nd degree; a caller reported a possible drunk driver. A deputy located the vehicle pulled over with its flashers on. The driver was located urinating outside the vehicle. He appeared impaired. The male stated he had about 5 beers. Field sobriety tests were conducted but stopped due to safety concerns. The male had a revoked driver's license. He was arrested. Multiple empty beer cans were found in the vehicle. .26

09.26 24xx 216 Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy learned a male was at the location and he had a warrant. He was located, identified, and arrested.

09.28 2x Sims Rd NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy learned a male may be at the location and he had a felony warrant. The deputy went to the location and observed a tent with a light on in it. He approached the tent and heard three males talking. All were identified and the guy he was looking for was there. He was arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

09.22 48xx 147 Ave NE – theft of lumber from a construction site

09.23 23xx 141 Lane NE – theft from an unlocked vehicle in the driveway

09.23 148xx Yancy St NE – theft of a vehicle from the street; keys were in it – the vehicle was used to commit crimes in Minneapolis, and it was ultimately crashed in Richfield

09.24 143xx Waconia St NE – unlocked vehicles rummage through; caught on camera

Arrests

09.26 Constance/Guadalupe St NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male in a vehicle who he knew had multiple warrants. He stopped the vehicle and the driver's identity was confirmed. He was arrested.

Linwood

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

Nowthen

Arrests

09.26 6100 Block Viking Blvd NW – DWI 3rd degree; a deputy responded to a rollover crash. The caller reported a truck passed her at a high rate of speed and then lost control and rolled in front of her. The deputy located the driver, and he was checked out by Allina on scene and was fine, but possibly drunk. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .23

Oak Grove

Arrests

09.24 19700 Block Orchid St NW – DWI 3rd degree; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. When he made contact, the deputy could smell alcohol and the driver stated he had 6 to 7 beers. The driver was unable to remove his license from his wallet, so the deputy helped him. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .29

**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.