



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

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 12.01.23**

### **Scams**

11.24 The caller stated that his brother fell for a scam. His brother was contacted by a person claiming to be with the FBI and sent them money. I was able to talk to the brother and he stated that on Nov 15th, he was contacted by a male named Jason Smith and said he was a special agent with the FBI. He stated the male told him that he was investigating a child pornography case after a teenaged girl was recovered during an investigation. He stated the male told him that they got his phone number from the girls phone and that she sent him underage pornographic images. He stated that the male demanded that he send them \$5000 in restitution fees. He stated that he used his Applepay and sent them \$1100 that day. He stated that they called again this morning from 509-715-0814 and he gave them another \$150. I advised him that this was a scam since restitution is ordered by a court and the FBI does not ask for that prior to a conviction. He stated that he did block the numbers from his phone.

11.24 The victim advised that she had recently got a new cell phone. When she the new phone, she advised that she had lost all of her login information. She googled how to get your login information for Facebook and she found a phone number online. She advised that she called the number and was connected with an individual who claimed to work for Facebook. She advised that the individual proceeded to obtain her bank debit card information and purchased Bitcoin and other various items totaling \$2000. She advised that the suspect then told her that he could guarantee that she would get her money back if she sent him another \$500 gift card from Walmart. The victim realized that it was probably a scam and canceled all of her cards.

11.27 The victim responded to a FB Messenger ad for a Peloton Bike for sale. The seller was her sister's neighbor, so she was not originally concerned. After negotiating a sale for \$700, she worked out the details via text message. She sent the seller two separate payments; \$450 through Paypal and \$250 through Venmo. The process was difficult as several payments were blocked and she needed to try multiple times to complete the transaction. She became suspicious of the sale and had her brother-in-law reach out to his neighbor directly. She then learned that this FB account was hacked and she was not actually communicating with the seller. She has a monetary loss of \$700.

11.27 The victim was scammed out of \$3900 in gift cards. He stated that his computer locked up and he then started getting notifications and phone calls on how to unlock it. He was advised to purchase gift cards and Walmart for Apple and he also purchased American Express cards. He stated that the two names that were given from the scammers for Amy Charles and Daniel Walker and phone number 833-758-1059. The victim had already been in contact with his credit card company who advised him to make a police report.

### **Andover**

#### **Burglaries**

11.29 141xx Cottonwood St NW – forced entry to garage overnight; tools

## **Thefts & Damage to Property**

11.29 46xx 165 Ave NW – theft of an enclosed trailer on property; lawn maintenance equipment

## **Arrests**

11.24 152xx Wintergreen St NW – Order for Protection Violation; a male violated a protection order by texting a female. The male was located in Coon Rapids and arrested.

11.26 Crosstown/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – No Driver's License; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. When he made contact, the driver stated he did not have a license. The deputy remembered him from awhile ago when he was stopped, told to go to the DMV and get this taken care of, but he didn't. He was arrested.

11.26 Round Lake/S Coon Creek Dr NW – DWI 3rd degree; a deputy stopped a driver because he knew he did not have a license. The driver appeared impaired. Marijuana was located in the vehicle. A warrant for blood was obtained. He was arrested.

11.27 137xx Underclift St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend domestic. After investigating, the male was arrested.

11.29 Hanson/Station Parkway – Fleeing in a Motor Vehicle, No Driver's License, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Refusal; a deputy stopped a driver for having a taillight out. She did not have a driver's license and refused to identify herself. While speaking with the deputy, she drove off, over a stop stick, damaging her tire. Multiple agencies assisted with boxing her in and stopping her. She refused to get out of the vehicle, so she was removed. Alcohol was then smelled on her. She refused to test. She continued to fight with deputies and officers. She was arrested.

11.29 35xx 142 Lane NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies went to the location looking for a male with an outstanding warrant from Mille Lacs County. He was located and arrested.

## **Bethel**

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

## **Columbus**

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

11.25 152xx Zurich St NE – wallet stolen out of purse hanging on chair; CC used @ 3 stores

### **Arrests**

11.26 Lake Dr/Hornsby St NE – Drugs; a deputy stopped a driver for running a red light. When the driver was identified, she had a warrant. She was arrested. While being searched, a package of meth was located attached to her inner thigh.

## **East Bethel**

### **Arrests**

11.24 Viking/East Bethel Blvd NE – Recovered Stolen Vehicle, Fleeing in a Motor Vehicle; a vehicle was reported stolen from a business in Ham Lake. A deputy located the vehicle and a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was finally stopped in Cambridge and a male was arrested.

11.24 181xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male and believed he had a warrant. He stopped to identify the male. While trying to identify him, a male, who was the person the deputy was looking for popped his head out of the house. He was told he was under arrest and went back inside. After negotiating, the male finally came out and he was arrested.

11.24 181xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went to location looking for a female because she had a warrant. She was located and arrested.

11.25 22xx 7 St NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a fight between and ex-boyfriend/girl friend. After investigating, the boyfriend was arrested.

11.26 Vickers/Viking Blvd NE – DWI 3<sup>rd</sup> degree; callers reported a possible drunk driver. A deputy located the driver and stopped her. She did appear impaired. Field sobriety tests were failed. She was arrested. .23

## **Ham Lake**

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

11.24 144xx Hwy 65 NE – a vehicle was stolen off the lot and recovered in New Brighton

11.24 146xx Hwy 65 NE – a stolen vehicle out of Brooklyn Park was located at the location

11.29 10xx 181 Ave NE – illegal dumping in trash can on property

### **Arrests**

11.24 175xx Hwy 65 NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical domestic. After investigating, a female was arrested.

11.25 Constance/Tippecanoe St NE – DWI 1<sup>st</sup> degree; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 89/65. The driver stopped before the deputy engaged his lights. He said he knew he was speeding. The driver appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were failed. He was arrested. .22 Charges were elevated due to three prior DWI convictions and the high alcohol content.

11.26 173xx Zumbrota St NE – Warrant Arrest; deputies went to the location looking for a male with Ramsey County warrants. He was located and taken into custody.

## **Linwood**

### **Arrests**

11.24 68xx 225 Lane NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a family domestic. After speaking with everyone involved, a male was arrested.

## **Nowthen**

### **Burglaries**

11.25 199xx Iguana St NW – lock cut off storage unit; appliances stolen

## **Oak Grove**

### **Arrests**

11.26 216xx Goldenrod St NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies went to the location looking for a male who had a warrant. He was located and 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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