



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 02.12.22

With a lot of residents escaping MN for a little sunshine, we want to remind you that you can request a vacation check while you are away. When you request a Vacation Check, a deputy will periodically stop by and observe the property for any suspicious activity. **Remember** - your best asset is asking a neighbor to keep an eye on your home and to call 911 immediately if they see anything suspicious!

You can make your request here: <https://www.anokacounty.us/2399/Vacation-Check>

Scams

02.04 The victim received an email from Johnspeh467566@gmail.com. The email said her Best Buy product protection plan was about to expire, and she needed to contact them to extend her coverage. She replied back to the email and eventually called several numbers listed in the email. The victim was instructed to use Team Viewer and give remote access to her computer. She followed their directions and approved remote access. She was then instructed to sign into her bank account. She did sign in, at some point saw there was a withdrawal of \$40,000 pending from her checking account. She shut her computer off and called her bank, BMO Harris. She was able to get her bank to freeze her account. The \$40,000 was not approved.

02.08 Instagram fraud; The complainant advised she got kicked out of her Instagram account. When she tried to access the account from her school account she got a message from a hacker telling her he accidentally logged into her private Instagram account. The victim said the hacker asked her to change the phone number on her private account so he could reset the password, which he failed to do. After providing a new phone number for the account she lost access to her school account as well. The victim suspected changing the number allowed the hacker access to both of her accounts.

02.09 I called and spoke to the reporting party that currently is out of the state. He received a notification that the items he ordered were going to be delivered soon. The victim found this alarming because he wasn't aware that he had ordered anything and definitely was not expecting a package. He looked at the order and began contacting his credit card company. When he did this, he discovered that someone had charged \$1017.67 worth of gaming equipment to his card. He also found out that the items were going to be delivered to 9xx Adams St in Anoka, MN. I then contacted dispatch to have an Anoka officer respond to the location and investigate to see if there were any possible suspects in this incident.

02.10 I called and spoke to the reporting party. She stated that while at home in Texas she was applying for several jobs online. During the process, she received a check from a business that she was not aware of in East Bethel, Minnesota. She received a check in the amount of \$4,975.50 from G&K Machining. She stated that there was a signature on the check but it was impossible to read. She immediately recognized this to be a fraud and just wanted to report the incident to local law enforcement so the business could be made aware of the fraud in their name.

Andover

Arrests

02.07 178xx Bluebird St NW – Domestic; deputies responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend domestic. After investigation, the boyfriend was arrested.

02.08.2022 178xx Bluebird St NW – 3rd degree DWI; deputies responded to a call of a vehicle striking a tree. When they arrived they located the driver who appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .22

Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

02.07 1xx 236 Lane NE – a dump trailer was stolen out of driveway; secured by lock on hitch

Columbus

Arrests

02.04 164xx Indus St NE – No Driver's License, Warrant; a resident reported a suspicious male in the area. The deputy located the male stuck in the ditch. When asked, the male admitted he didn't have a DL. When the deputy ran him, he did have a couple warrants out of Washington County. He was arrested.

02.04 14800 block 35W – MN Tax Evasion; a deputy stopped a driver because he ran a plate, and it came back as registration expiring in 2020. Through investigation it was determined the driver had put registration stickers from another vehicle on this vehicle to avoid paying tax fees. He was arrested.

02.06 Lake Dr/Potomac St NE – No DL; a deputy observed a vehicle driving slowly on the shoulder and stopped it to see if they needed assistance. The driver advised he just got the vehicle out of the ditch and wanted to drive slower, and that is why he was on the shoulder. When identified, the driver did not have a license and there were wrong plates on the vehicle. He was arrested.

East Bethel

Burglaries

02.08 216xx Luan Dr NE – unlocked garage service door; stole golf clubs

Thefts & Damage to Property

02.07 193xx 5th St NE – unlocked vehicles in the driveway and garage rummaged through

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

02.05 40xx 136 Ave NE – signs and trash cans vandalized at the park; spray painted

02.07 24xx 152 Lane NE – theft of license plate from a vehicle at the location

Arrests

02.06 1100 Block 133 Lane NE – DWI Refusal; a caller reported a male stuck in the ditch. The caller and his son were trying to help, and the driver began hitting them. The driver also appeared impaired. The deputy arrived and located the driver. When speaking with the driver he did not know where he was; he thought Coon Rapids. Sobriety tests were failed, and the driver refused an Intox test. He did blow a .231. He was arrested.

02.08 Crosstown/Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a vehicle pulled to the side of the road with its flashers on. He pulled over to assist. The driver had run out of gas and the deputy was giving going to give him a ride to the gas station. The male was identified and found to have a warrant out of Chisago County, and no driver's license or insurance. He also had drug paraphernalia on him. He was arrested.

Linwood

Thefts & Damage to Property

02.08 225xx Typo Creek Dr NE – catalytic converter cut off motorhome parked at the location

Nowthen

Burglaries

02.07 203xx St Francis Blvd NW – entered a home under construction, stole tools and wiring

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

02.04 35xx Viking Blvd NW – theft of mail; victim saw suspects pull outgoing mail out of mailbox

Arrests

02.05 Cottonwood/217 Ave NW – No DL, Warrant; a deputy ran a plate and the registered owner came back as suspended. He stopped the vehicle and the driver was identified. The driver also had warrants. He was arrested.

02.05 Cedar/228 Lane NW – No DL, Warrant; a deputy observed a vehicle pulled over on the shoulder with hits lights off. As he passed, he ran the plate and the driver got back on the road. Records showed the registered owner did not have a DL. He stopped the vehicle and identified the male. He did not have a license, but he did have a warrant. He was arrested.

02.07 500 Block Sims Rd NW – No Contact Order Violation; a deputy stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. The driver was identified and he did not have a valid license. He was issued a citation. The deputy recognized the two passengers in the vehicle. He knew the male had a no contact order against the female. The female was asked to exit the vehicle. She was arrested.

02.08 30xx 191 Ave NW – Domestic; deputies responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend domestic. The boyfriend 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.*

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.