



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 01.06.23

Scams

01.04 Business: The victim stated at 0600 towards the end of her night shift she received a phone call from who she thought was the owner of the business. She stated the male was telling her to get money from the back room due to an issue with a FedEx package issue. The victim stated that the male asked for \$3,500 dollars for a time sensitive issue with FedEx. She stated the male sounded convincing and at first asked for a company credit card which she didn't have. She stated the male then asked about cash that she could grab, so she got the key and went in the back room where there was only \$655 dollars in cash that she grabbed. The victim stated she also gave \$75 dollars of her own money thinking she was helping. She then proceeded to a gas station in Blaine and deposited the money into a bitcoin machine and sent it to BTC #0.03404129 and a BTC address 37y1L26ekBa for the \$730 dollar price. She got a confirmation and tracking number and provided that to the scammer. The victim stated it happened so fast and didn't think it was a scam until the money was already sent and she was back at work.

01.05 Victim said that she was online on Careerbuilder and she thinks that she is possibly being scammed. She said that a guy by the name of Michael Gay who owns Olympic Controls INC is offering her a job. She said that all communication has been through text and is scripted. She said that he even sent her a photo of a check for over \$4,000 for her to cash and set up a home office. She said that she has never provided her full name and DOB or any other personal information. I told her to not provide any information as this is most likely too good to be true. She said that she would do some more digging on this guy and company, but she said she already can't find the company online. I told her that is a pretty good clue that it's not real.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

12.29 152xx Hanson Blvd NW – catalytic converter cut off a vehicle in the parking lot

12.31 14xx 146 Ave NW – theft of Amazon package from the front steps

01.01 152xx Hanson Blvd NW – keys, wallet, and jacket stolen from an unsecured locker

01.05 42xx 141 Lane NW – theft of roof sheeting and drywall from a construction site

Arrests

12.23 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Shoplifting; deputies were called to a female shoplifting at the location. She was located and arrested. Drugs were also found on her.

12.24 Bunker/Inca St NW – DWI 4th degree; a deputy observed a vehicle in the ditch and stopped to help. The driver was outside the vehicle and appeared very erratic. When the deputy got close, the driver was off and stated he had taken some prescription medication. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. A warrant for blood was obtained. Charges are pending.

12.25 3xx 144 Lane NW – Domestic; deputies responded to a mother/son domestic. The son was arrested.

01.01 Round Lake/168 Lane NW – DWI 4th degree; a deputy located a vehicle in the ditch and stopped to help. The driver had already went up to a house and asked for a ride to the gas station; she was telling the male helping her that she was drunk and didn't want cops to see her driving. When the male got her back to her vehicle, deputies were on scene. The female appeared impaired. Field Sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. While searching the vehicle, a male was found in the trunk hiding from deputies. He had no warrants and was released.

01.02 Woodbine/138 Lane NW – Obstructing Legal Process with Force; a deputy ran a plate and the driver came back as revoked. He stopped the driver who said her license wasn't with her and lied about her name. When the deputy found out, he went to arrest her and she began to fight. During the fight, she went limp. Deputies called ambulance and it turned out she had low blood sugar. Paramedics fixed her up and she was taken to jail.

01.03 16200 Block Hanson Blvd NW – Drugs; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 68/55. The driver pulled into a gas station and when he made contact with the deputy, his pupils were small, he appeared nervous, and had a small torch style lighter. Field sobriety tests were failed and a K9 was called to sniff the vehicle. A bunch of cocaine was located. A warrant for blood was obtained and 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

12.31 95xx Broadway Ave NE – construction materials stolen from the property, unsecured

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

12.29 7xx 237 Ave NE – theft of mail from an unsecured box; included packages

01.03 19xx Jenkins St NE – theft of an unsecured trailer from the property

Arrests

12.24 214xx Ulysses St NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male driving and knew he had a warrant. He stopped the driver and he was arrested.

12.26 181xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; deputies went to the location looking for a male with two warrants. He was located and immediately started threatening deputies. Eventually he was taken into custody.

12.27 11xx 243 Lane NE – Warrant Arrest; the Regional Juvenile Center asked deputies go to the location and locate a juvenile male with a warrant. He was located and arrested.

Ham Lake

Burglaries

12.30 25xx 154 Lane NE – theft of tools from a home under construction; overnight

Thefts & Damage to Property

01.02 138xx Johnson St NE – plow truck stolen from a business over the weekend; keys unknown

Arrests

12.23 4900 Block Lexington Ave NE – DWI 4th degree; a community service officer was out with a motorist assist and called for the deputy because the driver appeared impaired. The deputy arrived and observed impairment. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .141

12.24 134xx Hwy 65 NE – Obstructing Legal Process; a business called and wanted an intoxicated male removed. When deputies arrived, they offered to take him elsewhere. He refused and began to fight with the deputies. He was arrested.

12.24 15200 Block Quamba St NE – DWI, Child Endangerment; a resident reported picking up 2 small children running down the road with no coats in -22 degree weather. They stated their Dad was driving and then stopped driving. The resident located a truck a few blocks away with another smaller child in it and a male passed out over a steering wheel with an open bottle of alcohol. Deputies made contact with the male who could not stand or hold his head up. FST weren't conducted for safety reasons and the male was arrested. .175

12.26 154xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; deputies went to the location to look for a male with a warrant out of Washington County. He was located and arrested.

01.01 18xx 171 Ave NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a husband and wife domestic. The husband went to the hospital and charges are pending.

01.05 148xx Aberdeen St NE – Warrant Arrest; a female called us because there was damage to her vehicle when it was towed by a local business. A deputy arrived and settled that dispute, but when he ran the female, she came back with a warrant out of Ramsey County. She was arrested.

Linwood

Thefts & Damage to Property

01.04 227xx Typo Creek Dr NE – vandalism to a church welcome sign

Nowthen

Arrests

12.23 83xx Viking Blvd NW – Recovered Stolen Vehicle; a deputy ran a plate and it came back as stolen from Beltrami County. The deputy called up there and they requested if we could locate the suspect that he be arrested. Deputies went on to the property and located a truck and two stolen snowmobiles out of Wayzata. Deputies located a suspect and he was arrested.

12.30 Cleary Rd/187 Ave NW – DWI 3rd degree; a deputy responded to a call of a vehicle that slid into a ditch. He located a male trying to get out of the vehicle and he smelled like alcohol and looked like he spilled his drink onto his chest and lap. When the deputy asked how much he had to drink, the male replied "too much." Field sobriety tests were failed and he was arrested. .20

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

12.27 9xx 206 Ave NW – copper wire and propane heater stolen from a construction site

12.29 229 Ave/Cedar Dr NW – catalytic converter cut from vehicle posted "for sale" on the corner

12.30 40xx Viking Blvd NW – theft of a package from the front steps

Arrests

12.25 24xx Lake George Dr NW – Terroristic Threats; deputies responded to a mother/son domestic. The son 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.