



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 01.15.2021

SCAM ALERT from the Anoka County Attorney's Office:

Several Anoka County residents have been targeted by a new scam that uses tax lien data in fraudulent mailings. Scammers are combining public IRS lien data and using it to create official-looking letters claiming the recipient needs to pay back taxes within 15 days to avoid further action. The mailing looks official, is titled "Tax Processing Unit," and references the Anoka County Public Judgment Records. It includes an 800 number to call. This is NOT an official mailing, and does not come from Anoka County, the Minnesota Department of Revenue, or the IRS. If you receive this letter, DO NOT call the number on the mailing. Do not give out any private data such as Social Security Numbers or bank account details.

To inquire about any tax liens, call the Department of Revenue at 651-556-3000.

If you called the scammers and paid them money, call local law enforcement to report it.

Sheriff James Stuart would like to remind everyone that you should always verify suspicious contacts by researching the real phone numbers and making direct contact without using any phone numbers provided by the suspicious contact. Sadly, there are many sources of evil who wish to victimize you.

Andover

Burglaries

01.13 41xx 145 Ln NW – forced entry into a home; guns, bedding

Thefts & Damage to Property

01.08 33xx 178 Ave NW – attempted grandparent scam; no money loss

01.10 138xx Evergreen St NW – mail stolen from the mailbox

01.11 3xx 139 Ln NW – mail stolen from mailbox

01.12 5xx 177 Ave NW – male reporting his information used fraudulently to file for unemployment

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01.13 36xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – catalytic converter stolen off a vehicle

01.13 161xx Round Lake Blvd NW – license plate stolen off a vehicle

01.13 146xx Bluebird St NW – female reporting her information was used fraudulently to file for unemployment

01.14 146xx Grouse St NW – unsecure vehicle; purse

01.14 17xx 147 Ln NW – unsecure vehicle; wallet

Arrests

01.09 38xx 174 Ave NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a girlfriend/boyfriend domestic at the location. The male was arrested.

01.09 161xx Xenia St NW – Drugs; a deputy stopped a driver for having expired vehicle registration. The driver was issued a citation, a male passenger was released, and a female passenger was arrested for an active warrant and drugs.

01.12 161 Ave NW/Verdin St NW – 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male told the deputies that he had ingested a narcotic. The male was brought to Mercy Hospital for legal blood to be taken.

Bethel

Arrests

01.12 239xx Cooper Ave NW – DAC-IPS; a deputy stopped a driver for driving with out a valid driver's license. The male received a citation.

Columbus

Burglaries

01.09 95xx Broadway Ave NE - forced entry into an office at a church; guitar

01.10 95xx Broadway Ave NE – forced entry into three offices at a church; speakers, microphone

01.12 161xx Cornell St NE – forced entry into a pull barn; electronics, trailer

Thefts & Damage to Property

01.12 91xx 168 Ave NE – FB scam; false business – sale of a stolen vehicle; \$2000 loss

01.14 146xx West Freeway Dr NE – trailer stolen from the property

Arrests

01.08 Lake Dr NE/Interstate 35 – Stolen Property; deputies responded to a report of a vehicle following a vehicle pulling a stolen trailer with stolen snowmobiles. The deputies located the vehicle and confirmed the stolen trailer and snowmobiles. The male driver was arrested.

01.13 94xx Lake Dr NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for having an active warrant. The male was arrested.

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

01.09 185xx Everglade Dr NE – female reporting and unknown person attempting to make an electronic withdraw from her bank account

01.11 191xx Staples St NE – license plate stolen off a vehicle

01.13 204xx Monroe St NE – mail stolen from the mailbox

01.14 243xx Hwy 65 NE – vehicle stolen from a parking lot; keys were in it

01.13 12xx 185 Ave NE – catalytic converter stolen off a vehicle

Arrests

01.10 Hwy 65 NE/Sims Rd NE – DWI- Refusal; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested. .197

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

01.08 10xx McKay Dr NE – mail stolen from the mailbox

01.11 16xx 140 Ave NE – attempted SS# scam; no money loss

01.12 18xx 145 Ave NE – package stolen from the property

01.13 165xx Edison St NE – attempted grandparent scam; no money loss

Arrests

01.08 46xx Lexington Ave NE – Drugs; deputies responded to a 911 open line at the location. The line disconnected and dispatch only got voicemail on call back. Upon arriving deputies could a male and female in the home but refused to answer the door. The homeowner eventually came to the door and let the deputies in. The house was searched for a male that threatened a female with a gun. Drugs and stolen property were located during the search. The house was “frozen” while the DTF obtained a signed search warrant. The warrant was signed, after the search of the house 14 people were arrested.

01.08 178xx Fillmore St NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend domestic at the location. The female was arrested.

01.11 Hwy 65 NE/Bunker Lake Blvd NE – Vehicle Recovered- Stolen; a deputy stopped a driver for driving a stolen vehicle. The vehicle was stolen out of Pine County. The male driver was arrested.

01.12 Central Ave NE/Johnson St NE – DAC-IPS; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a valid driver’s license. The male received a citation.

Linwood

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

Nowthen

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

Oak Grove

Arrests

01.13 4300 Block of Viking Blvd NW – 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding. The male appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested.
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****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.