



## **ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART**

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 01.21.22**

This week we had to go looking for some kids who made a poor choice and ran away, in the cold, without proper clothing or shoes. Here is a report we took regarding our efforts to locate those kids:

On Monday, January 17, 2022, I was dispatched a phone call. The caller wanted to know why deputies were in her backyard and kicked in her garage door. I advised her that deputies were in the area searching for two runaway juveniles. I advised her that if deputies went into her garage, that it was to ensure that the juvenile males were not inside. The caller advised that she was an attorney and that she knew the law and knows that deputies are not allowed to enter any part of her home without a warrant and just search the area. I advised her that the search of the garage, if deputies entered into the garage, was due to the safety of two juvenile males that were on the run in the cold weather without shoes. I attempted to explain what deputies did during the search. The caller asked to speak to a supervisor. I advised dispatch and requested that a sergeant speak with her.

Just for clarification, deputies will enter your property when exigent circumstances exist, such as the safety of a human. We take the responsibility seriously and do not make these decisions recklessly.

### **Scams**

01.14 Victim stated that yesterday she was on her friend's Facebook page and saw a puzzle that was up for anyone to try and solve. If you were able to solve the puzzle, then would be eligible for a cash prize. The victim stated that she completed the puzzle and was then being contacted by her friend through Facebook messenger. She stated that she didn't think anything was suspicious because the puzzle was posted on her page, so everything appeared to be normal. The victim was told that in order for her collect her \$2,400 prize she needed to obtain a \$200 Apple gift card and relay the numbers on the back of the card. She was also told that if she wanted to upgrade to the larger prize of \$5,700 she would then need to obtain another gift card for \$400 from eBay. Wanting the larger prize, she purchased both the \$200 Apple and \$400 eBay gift cards and read both numbers to whoever was committing the fraud against her. After she gave the card numbers to the unknown person, she then was told to wait for her prize money to show up. She waited for several hours and soon realized that she had been a victim of fraud. The victim contacted her friend and was advised her that her account was hacked.

01.20 Grandparent Scam; caller stated her grandson was in an accident, arrested, and needed bail money. Victim was an 82-year-old female. The victim had heard of the scam and there was no financial loss.

01.20 Publishing Clearing House Scam; caller reported that the past few days she has received multiple phone calls. She said there has been a male and a female calling saying that they had a gift for her. Victim continually tells them to stop calling and hangs up on them, but they continue to call.

01.20 Victim stated he had purchased Norton Security about four months ago. He later realized that he did not need it and returned it. Yesterday, he responded to an email indicating that he had been charged \$399.99 for the service. He called a phone number that was included in the email and spoke to a representative. In the course of the conversation, the victim gave this person control of his PC, his debit card number, and photos of his drivers' license. The scammer attempted to add a charge of \$4,000 to the debit card. The victim's bank stopped the transaction.

### **Andover**

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

01.17 34xx 139 Ave NW – window broken on vehicle in driveway; handgun stolen

01.19 152xx Partridge St NW – theft of purse from an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway

01.19 152xx Verdin St NW – theft of wallet from a vehicle parked inside a garage and unlocked

### **Arrests**

01.17 Crosstown/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Recovered Stolen; a deputy ran a plate, and the vehicle came back as stolen. The deputy attempted to stop it but the suspect fled and the pursuit was terminated due to policy. The Coon Rapids Police located the vehicle and were able to PIT it. The driver fled from the vehicle with a rifle, handgun, and backpack. The suspect was tackled by a resident when he ran through his yard. Deputies and officers caught up and the man was arrested. Meth was also located on the suspect.

01.18 137xx Hanson Blvd NW – Driving After Cancellation; a deputy stopped a driver for making a wide turn and going into oncoming traffic. When he made contact with the driver, he stated he did not have a driver's license. While speaking with the driver, the deputy observed quite a few needles, drug paraphernalia, a scale, and baggies. He was arrested.

01.19 38xx 169 Lane NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a report of a fight between a husband and wife. The husband was arrested.

01.20 136xx Martin St NW – 3<sup>rd</sup> degree DWI; a deputy responded to a call of a vehicle that crashed into a tree. When the deputy arrived and began speaking with the driver, he appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .295

## **Bethel**

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

## **Columbus**

### **Arrests**

01.15 9300 Block Lake Dr NE - Controlled Substance Possession; a deputy stopped a driver for running a red light. When he made contact, he could smell burnt marijuana. When asked if there was any marijuana in the vehicle, the driver said no. When the driver was told the vehicle was going to be searched, he handed a shoebox full of marijuana to him. The driver was arrested.

01.19 153/Potomac St NE – Driving After Cancellation; a deputy responded to a vehicle crash where a power pole was hit and knocked into the roadway. No one was at the scene, but through investigation a suspect was located. The suspect did not have a driver's license and was well known to law enforcement. He was arrested.

## **East Bethel**

### **Arrests**

01.17 181xx Hwy 65 – HRO Violation; a caller reported a female was at the location and there was a restraining order against her. When deputies arrived, they located the suspect leaving the area in her vehicle. She was stopped and arrested.

## **Ham Lake**

### **Arrests**

01.17 153<sup>rd</sup>/Hwy 65 NE – Controlled Substance Possession; a deputy stopped a driver for having no bumper or brake lights. When the driver and passenger were identified, the passenger had a warrant out of McLeod County that was extraditable. When he was being removed from the vehicle to be

arrested, a hypodermic needle was in plain view. The driver and vehicle were searched and meth was found. Both the driver and passenger were arrested.

01.19 137xx Johnson St NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy ran a plate of a suspicious vehicle. The owner came back with a warrant. The deputy waited for the male to return to the vehicle, identified him, and arrested him. The warrant was out of Isanti County.

## **Linwood**

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

01.18 225xx Martin Lake Dr NE – theft of mail and packages from mailbox

01.18 137xx Lake Dr NE – forced entry to a trailer parked at a storage lot

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01.17 199xx Birchwood Lane NW – theft of package from front steps

## **Oak Grove**

### **Burglaries**

01.17 47xx 217 Ave NW – open garage door; rummaged through garage and vehicle, stole shoes

*\*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](http://www.anokacounty.us/crimewatch) and click on Crime Statistics on the left side. Stats are updated monthly.*