



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 01.29.21

This is the first report that I have seen involving an online gaming scam; I thought I would pass it along.

I responded to the location regarding a male receiving suspicious phone calls. The reporting party stated that the calls came from the UK and another state, and the person claimed that the reporting party's 15 year-old-son had stolen money from them via online gaming. The son denied all this. The reporting party assumed this was just a scam call. I informed him that he should not answer their calls or texts, nor give them any personal information; the son was informed of this as well. No monetary loss.

Also, we received a scam report this week where the caller said they were from the Anoka County Sheriff's Office and that we were trying to "serve" them papers. The reporting party said she received two voicemails asking her to call a number that started with an 866 area code. Luckily, she just stopped by our office to check for herself. We were not attempting to contact her or her husband.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 01.22 140xx round Lake Blvd NW – counterfeit \$20 passed; bill came from an ATM
- 01.22 134xx Hummingbird St NW – dating app blackmail via text; threatening to release photos
- 01.25 8xx 154 Lane NW – victim's identity used to claim MN unemployment
- 01.25 151xx Avocet St NW – theft of cash from an unlocked vehicle in the driveway
- 01.25 7xx 141 Ave NW – victim's identity used to claim MN unemployment
- 01.27 12xx 152 Ave NW – SS scam call; said benefits were going to be cut off if she didn't send \$
- 01.26 20xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – purse stolen out of a shopping cart

Arrests

01.23 Xenia/161 Ave NW – Fleeing on Foot, Warrants; a deputy stopped a vehicle for suspicious activity. The male, who was the driver fled. The deputy spoke to the passenger who didn't know who the driver was. During their investigation and search for the male who fled, they came across two other males that had warrants. They were arrested. The fleeing male was identified and still being sought.

01.23 161/Hanson Blvd NW – 4th degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .124

01.26 35xx 142 Lane NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to the location to arrest a male who was involved in a domestic in Ramsey. He was located and arrested.

01.26 137xx Swallow St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend domestic involving a gun. The girlfriend was arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

01.22 137xx Lake Dr NE – theft from a storage unit; lock cut

01.26 69xx 145 Ave NE - victim's identity used to claim MN unemployment benefits

Arrests

01.25 160xx Kettle River Blvd NE – Obstruct Legal Process; deputies responded to a suspicious 911 call and possible domestic. When they arrived the male involved would not let deputies enter the home to check on the female in the location. After fighting with the male, the deputies were able to enter the home. The male was arrested.

01.25 152xx Zurich St NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male driving a vehicle and knew he had a warrant. He stopped the vehicle and arrested the male.

01.26 15000 Block W Freeway Dr NE – Underage Drinking, Open Bottle, Careless Driving; a deputy was called to a vehicle stuck in a ditch. When he arrived, he located a male oddly sitting behind the wheel with his foot on the accelerator. He appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and passed. He did blow a .03 and was underage so he was arrested.

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

01.22 206xx University Ave NE – victim's identity used to file for unemployment in IL

01.22 202xx Naples St NE – theft of checks from the mail; used in Coon Rapids

01.25 236xx Opal St NE – checkbook stolen out of unlocked vehicle; checks being used

01.26 1xx Grove Rd NE – victim's identity used to claim MN unemployment benefits

Arrests

01.27 24xxx Skylark Dr NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went to the location to look for a male with a warrant. He was located and arrested.

01.28 243xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy was on routine patrol when he ran a plate and the registered owner had a warrant. The driver matched the description of the owner, so the deputy stopped the vehicle. The male was identified and arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

01.25 12xx 172 Lane NE – illegal dumping behind a business; suspect identified, they picked it up

01.27 173xx Hwy 65 NE – multiple catalytic converters cut-off vehicles in a business lot

01.27 133xx Kiska St NE – scam phone call; identified as "Federal Reserve" verifying personal info

01.27 11xx 177 Lane NE – scam phone call; identified as SS verifying SS# and date of birth

01.26 160xx Central Ave NE – vehicle stolen from sales lot

01.28 32xx 149 Ave NE – victim's identity being used to draw MN unemployment

Arrests

01.22 Flamingo/Juniper Lane NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy passed a vehicle and it was obvious the driver did not want the deputy to see him. He stopped the vehicle, identified the driver and learned he had a warrant. He was arrested.

01.28 163xx Hwy 65 NE – No DL; a deputy observed a male driving who he knew didn't have a driver's license. The driver tried to evade the deputy, was able to park his car, and flee. The male was located and arrested.

Linwood

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

Nowthen

Arrests

01.23 200xx W Ford Brooke Dr NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies went to the location because there was a male who had a warrant. He was hiding, but they found him. He was arrested.

01.24 83xx Viking Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy was responding to some suspicious activity. He identified the male involved and that male had a warrant. He was arrested.

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

01.22 219xx Jivaro St NW – theft of 2 generators from an unsecured garage

01.22 196xx Blackfoot St NW – victim's identity stolen to claim MN unemployment

01.27 34xx 197 Ave NW – FB fraud, work from home opportunity; loss \$200

Arrests

01.25 212xx Yellow Pine St NW – Trespassing; a male who had been trespassed from the location was there. Deputies located him and he 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.