



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 02.03.23

Scams

01.30 The victim received an email from whom he thought was the Geek Squad. The email indicated that his subscription was renewed and \$471.00 was automatically withdrawn from his bank account. He stated he previously had a Geek Squad account but canceled it years ago. He called the 1-800 number on the email and spoke with an employee identifying himself as "Peter Martin." Martin explained how he could rectify the situation. Martin stated he needed to download a specific software called "Any Desk" to recoup his money. The victim downloaded the software and entered in his information requesting a \$60 payment as explained by Martin. Martin then stated that he accidentally refunded the victim \$60,000 and showed him a Wells Fargo bank statement that appeared to be legitimate. Martin then stated the only way to fix this would be for the victim to wire the extra money back to Martin. The victim went to Wells Fargo and attempted to wire \$50,000 to the account provided by Martin. Per the victim, Wells Fargo employees advised him this was a scam and implored him to not send the money; the victim sent it anyway. The money was wired to Peng Li in Hong Kong. The victim has since realized he should not have sent the money and attempted to stop the wire unsuccessfully. Per Wells Fargo, the wire transfer was already accepted.

01.31 The victim stated that she received a phone call from a male who identified himself as Steven Jones, Badge #19188 with the Office of the Inspector General in Washington DC. She said that the caller said that there had been large electronics purchases via Amazon made in her name under fraudulent Amazon accounts. She stated that the caller began to ask for her bank account information when she stated that she was going to call the police and hung up without providing any personal or financial information.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

01.28 137xx Hanson Blvd NW – business; three suspects pried open a storage room door and stole multiple cartons of cigarettes while the business was open

Arrests

01.27 16300 Block Verdin St NW – 4th degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for revving his engine, speeding (73/55), and causing sparks from under his vehicle. When the deputy made contact, there was a White Claw in the cup holder and empty alcohol bottles scattered in the vehicle. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .15

01.30 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Shoplifting; deputies were called because there was a male who was in the process of stealing over \$1700 in trading cards. He was located and arrested.

01.31 Jay St/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped a driver for not signaling her turn. When he made contact with her, he knew her to be involved in narcotics. She and her vehicle were searched and meth, pills, and paraphernalia were found. She was arrested.

01.31 153xx Xeon St NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy learned a male was at the residence and he had warrant. She located him and he was arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Arrests

01.28 154xx Hornsby St NE – Theft; a business called and reported a male walking around the store eating items and not paying for them; he also appeared high. Deputies located him and asked him to leave. He didn't. Drugs and paraphernalia were found on him. He was arrested.

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

01.28 12xx 185 Ave NE – a stolen vehicle was found in the parking lot; taken in an Elk River burglary

Ham Lake

Burglaries

01.30 133xx Aberdeen St NE – forced entry on new construction; multiple rolls of cable

Thefts & Damage to Property

01.27 175xx Hwy 65 NE – license plates stolen off a vehicle parked in the driveway

01.30 14xx Constance Blvd NE – pried lock on storage room and stole multiple cartons of cigarettes

Linwood

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

Nowthen

Arrests

01.31 Viking/St Francis Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed an occupied vehicle on the side of the road and he stopped to assist. The male had a warrant out of Mille Lacs County and no driver's license. He was arrested.

Oak Grove

Arrests

01.31 Viking/Cedar Dr NW – Drugs; a deputy stopped a driver for having a license plate light out. When he approached the vehicle, he observed a baggie with a green leafy substance in it. The vehicle was searched and multiple paraphernalia items and meth were located. The driver 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.