



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

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 02.05.21**

This is the time of year we see thefts from mailboxes increase due to the tax season, and this year, due to stimulus checks. The US Postal Service offers a program called Informed Delivery. This program won't prevent mail theft, but at least it will inform you of what pieces of mail should be in your mailbox that day. That way, if it isn't there, you know what preventative measures you need to take, or who you need to contact. I would recommend signing up. To register, or for more information, go to: <https://informedelivery.usps.com/box/pages/intro/start.action>

I think as humans, we need to do better. This behavior is crazy and unacceptable.

01.31.21 I was dispatched to the location on a report of a suspicious vehicle following the caller and screaming at her. Upon arrival, I observed her vehicle stuck in the snowbank on Fox St NW. I made contact with the lone female and identified her. She advised me that she had just left her friend's home in the area and was trying to find her way out of the development. She stated that she was driving on Fox St NW and a white Cadillac Escalade was honking the horn. She stated that she then honked her horn and the driver got aggressive. She said that she attempted to turn around and got stuck in the snowbank. She said that the Escalade pulled up next to her and the driver yelled "get the \*\*\*\* out of our neighborhood" then drove off. She said that she was too shaken up to drive so she made arrangements to stay at her friend's home. Deputies pushed her vehicle out of the snowbank and she followed me to her friend's home nearby.

If it isn't bad enough that you lost your dog, now scammers are taking advantage of your tragedy.

On 02-01-21 at 1042 hours, I was dispatched a phone call fraud report. The victim stated that her dog went missing yesterday so she posted the information on LostdogsMN.com. She received a text message from 812-270-9239 stating that they had found her dog. The sender asked that she send him a verification code so he could return her dog. She then received a six-digit code from a Google Voice account and sent him the digits; she never heard back. In researching the incident, the victim discovered this is a scam where the suspect is attempting to get into her Google Documents account. The code was more than likely for a password reset which would give him access to private information including financial accounts. The victim has already contacted her bank and applied for a fraud alert with the major credit companies. She was advised to watch her accounts closely and call back if any unauthorized activity occurs.

### **Andover**

#### **Burglaries**

02.02 22xx 149 Ave NW – garage door opener stolen out of unlocked vehicle and used to enter the home; wallet, purse stolen - credit cards used in Champlin and Coon Rapids

02.02 22xx 151 Lane NW – garage door opener stolen out of unlocked vehicle in the driveway, possibly happened about 3 am; wallet taken out of entryway and checkbooks out of drawers

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

- 01.29 Hummingbird – fraud, phone call from "Federal Dept. 55", threatening legal action with SS
- 01.29 148 Ave NW – fraud, phone call from SS claiming account used in illegal drug activity in TX
- 02.01 138xx Round Lake Blvd NW – backpack stolen from unlocked vehicle; Ipad, computer
- 02.01 147 Lane NW – mail tampering; envelopes opened, nothing appeared to be taken
- 02.02 Crane St NW – Amazon phishing email stating saying a package was mailed to TX by victim

02.03 27xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – victim’s identity being used to claim MN unemployment benefits  
02.03 21xx Andover Blvd NW – graffiti painted on a connex box near the school

### **Arrests**

01.30 Bunker/Crosstown Dr NW - 4<sup>th</sup> degree DWI; a deputy stopped a vehicle because the driver in front of him drove into the median. When he made contact, the driver appeared impaired. Marijuana, alcohol, and paraphernalia were located in the vehicle. The male refused to take a field sobriety test and PBT. He was arrested.

01.30 22xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Drugs; a caller reported a vehicle blocking and not moving in a parking lot. The deputy arrived and the driver appeared high and out of it. Field sobriety tests were conducted and passed, but drugs and paraphernalia were located in the vehicle. She was arrested.

01.30 21xx 141 Ave NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went to the location to arrest a male with a warrant. He was located, drugs were found on him, he was arrested.

01.31 158xx Norway St NW - Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a husband/wife domestic involving a knife. Both were arrested.

02.01 14400 Block Round Lake Blvd NW – 2<sup>nd</sup> degree DWI; a deputy observed a vehicle speeding 102 in a 55. He attempted to stop the vehicle but it continued to flee. The deputy was able to angle his vehicle in front of the fleeing vehicle and it was stopped. The driver appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .240 Charges were elevated due to a prior DWI charge, high concentration of alcohol, and fleeing.

02.02 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Theft Tools; deputies responded to the location because a male in the store was using a knife to cut off security tags on merchandise and then hiding the items around the store. The deputies arrived and waited for the male to exit. Prior to exiting, he dumped all the merchandise into a cart. He was searched and the knife and other tools used to remove security tags were located on him. Along with the security video, there was enough evidence to charge him. He was arrested.

02.05.2021 3xx 141 Ave NW – Domestic; deputies responded to a mother/son domestic. The son was uncooperative and arrested.

### **Bethel**

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

### **Columbus**

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

02.01 169xx Kettle River Blvd NE – snowmobile stolen from the yard

02.01 146xx W Freeway Dr NE – theft of equipment from a secured icehouse in for repair

02.02 72xx 145 Ave NE – 2 tailgates stolen off of vehicles in the driveway overnight

02.02 146xx W Freeway Dr NW – RV stolen out of a business lot

### **Arrests**

02.01 153xx Zodiac St NE – Warrant Arrest; a caller requested a deputy remove a person from the property. When the deputy arrived the person the caller wanted removed had a warrant. He was arrested.

02.05 148xx Lake Dr NE – Warrant, Drugs; a deputy observed a suspicious vehicle parked in a lot of a closed business. He made contact with the driver and passenger who stated they were just hanging out. When identified, the driver had a warrant and no driver's license. He was arrested. During his pat-down search prior to being placed in the squad, cocaine was located.

## **East Bethel**

### **Burglaries**

01.31 209xx Hastings St NE – window pried open, house ransacked; cash

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

02.01 238xx Johnson St NE – mail stolen, check "washed" and used in St. Paul

02.02 18xx 223 Lane NE – victim's identity stolen to claim MN unemployment benefits

### **Arrests**

01.29 241xx Skylark Dr NE - Assault, Warrant; deputies responded to a call a people fighting, with knives, and someone was stabbed. Once they arrived and got the scene under control, the suspect of the stabbing was located and arrested. Another male who was involved in the incident had a warrant out of Hennepin County for assault. He was also arrested.

01.30 212xx E Bethel Blvd Ne – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical fight between a husband and wife. The husband was arrested, and the wife was issued a citation.

01.30 3500 Block Viking Blvd NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male walking on the shoulder. He knew the male had a warrant. He stopped and arrested him.

02.03 Hwy 65/181 Ave NE – Drugs; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a license plate and no front bumper. When he made contact he smelled marijuana. He asked the driver if there were drugs in the vehicle and he said "yes, meth." The male was arrested.

## **Ham Lake**

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

01.29 153 Lane NE – fraud phone call posing as Amazon trying to collect \$2300 in fake purchases

01.31 162xx Kenyon St NE – taillight on vehicle parked in the driveway overnight broken

01.31 156xx Hwy 65 NE – mailboxes in the area vandalized

02.01 136xx Hwy 65 NE – catalytic converter cut off a vehicle in parking lot while victim was at work

02.01 140xx Taconite St NE – theft of mail

02.03 13xx 157 Ave NE – a skid loader stolen from a worksite

02.03 137xx Aberdeen St NE – license plates stolen off vehicle in parking lot

02.04 133<sup>rd</sup> Lane NE – victim's identity being used to claim MN unemployment benefits

02.04 13xx 157 Ave NE – lock cut from a trailer in a business lot and stolen

### **Arrests**

01.31 169xx Baltimore St NE – Catalytic Converter Theft; a caller reported some suspicious activity. When the deputy arrived, he located a male under a vehicle cutting off a catalytic converter. The male was ordered out from under the vehicle and arrested.

## Linwood

### Arrests

02.01 20899 Block Viking Blvd NW – Controlled Substance; a deputy saw a male driving a vehicle and he knew he did not have a driver's license. He turned on the vehicle which immediately pulled over before the deputy activated his lights. While the driver was looking for his insurance information, the deputy observed drugs and paraphernalia. The vehicle was searched by a K9 and meth was found. He was arrested.

## Nowthen

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

## Oak Grove

### Thefts & Damage to Property

01.29 Tamarack St NW – victim's identity used to file for MN unemployment

02.02 8x 218 Lane NW – front plate stolen off a vehicle at the location

### Arrests

01.30 16xx 196 Lane NW – Domestic Assault; deputies took a report of a physical fight between a boyfriend, girlfriend. The boyfriend had left. He was located and arrested - and the girlfriend was issued a citation for the assault as well.

02.02 19400 Block Rum River Blvd NW – 2<sup>nd</sup> degree DWI; a deputy responded to a call of a vehicle in the ditch and a male stumbling near the location and appearing intoxicated. The deputy located the vehicle and the male who was the driver. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .103

*\*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.*