



## **ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE**

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 02.10.23**

### **Scams**

02.03 The victim reported two attempted fraudulent transactions in the past few months; both used her maiden name. In December of 2022, she received a letter from Spirit regarding a credit card opened in her name. She contacted the company and learned the credit card did not yet have a balance. The card was canceled, and she contacted the three major credit bureaus for freezes and alerts. During the week of 01-25-23, she received a package from Stoneberry for items she did not purchase or authorize to be purchased. This invoice also had her maiden name listed. She contacted Stoneberry and was advised to return the items and the \$493.37 bill would be canceled. Per the invoice, the billing address listed to her home but the shipping address was in Miami, FL. The shipping address also had Ham Lake erroneously listed which might account for the items being shipped to the billing address. I also searched this address online and found multiple threads reported by fraud victims and sellers getting requests to ship to this address. It appears to be a freight warehouse used by multiple companies. The victim requested the report to extend her fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus.

02.04 The victim received a call from someone saying that they worked for Comcast and that they were calling to fix his modem. The number that called him was, 716-288-2332. He thought nothing of it because his modem has been having issues for a few months now. Toward the end of their conversation the person on the phone requested his credit card information, which he then provided. He knew shortly after he provided it that he should not have. He hung up with the person that called. He then called the Comcast customer service line, which he found the number online, and had them help him work through the problems that his computer was having. The next night the victim noticed that \$885 was missing from his bank account. He then called the bank and reported it. His bank told him that after 6 suspicious charges they then blocked the 7th one and froze his accounts. The bank had him change all of his account information and they put the money back into his account.

### **Andover**

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

02.02 21xx Andover Blvd NW – multiple thefts from the boy's locker room at the high school

02.05 15xx 148 Lane NW – lock cut on vehicle, nothing stolen - tools foreign to the scene discovered

02.07 42xx 141 Lane NW – package stolen from front steps; caught on surveillance camera

#### **Arrests**

02.05 13300 Block Round Lake Blvd NW – DWI 3<sup>rd</sup> degree; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 57/45. When he made contact with the driver, he smelled alcohol and the driver was wearing a "wrist band" commonly associated with a bar. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .12

02.05 Hanson/Andover Blvd NW – DWI 4<sup>th</sup> degree; a deputy stopped a driver for traveling well below the speed limit (35) and was crossing the divider lines. When he made contact the driver appeared

impaired and she stated she had a few drinks. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .09

02.06 Coon Creek/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped a driver for not having license plates. When he made contact, none of the four people in the vehicle had a driver's license and there were drugs in plain sight. The vehicle was searched and paraphernalia, fentanyl, and meth were located. The driver was arrested.

02.07 Thrush/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – DWI 4<sup>th</sup> degree; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. When he made contact, the driver appeared lethargic. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The driver PTB's at .053 so the deputy obtained a warrant for blood. He was arrested.

## **Bethel**

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

## **Columbus**

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

02.02 63xx 141 Ave NE – lock cut off mailbox with a bolt cutter

02.04 86xx 178 Ave NE – explosives put in mailbox and blown up

### **Arrests**

02.05 15200 Block Zurich St NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a vehicle for having no brake lights. The occupants were identified and a male had a warrant out of Washington County. He was arrested.

## **East Bethel**

### **Burglaries**

02.07 333x 183 Ave NE – forced entry through service door; \$5K in tools stolen

### **Arrests**

02.03 197xx Rochester St NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy learned there may be a male at the location with a warrant. He went to the home and observed the male he was looking for in the garage. He was arrested.

02.04 East Bethel Blvd/212 Ave NE – DWI 3<sup>rd</sup> degree; a caller observed a vehicle hit a mailbox and leave the location. A deputy located the vehicle involved in a driveway. When he spoke to the driver, he appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and filed. He refused to test. A warrant for blood was obtained and he was arrested. .245

02.04 1xx King Rd NE – DWI 3<sup>rd</sup> degree; deputies responded to a verbal domestic call in the area. When they were onsite, they observed a male crash his golf cart. They went to assist and smelled alcohol coming from the man. Field sobriety tests were conducted then stopped to safety reasons. He was arrested. .23

02.07 Viking Blvd/Jackson St NE – DWI 3<sup>rd</sup> degree; a caller reported a vehicle in the ditch and the driver was unresponsive. Deputies arrived and located the male who smelled like alcohol. When deputies tried to remove him from the vehicle, he stated he had too much to drink. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .16

02.08 237 Ave/Baltimore St NE – DWI 2<sup>nd</sup> degree; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 47/35. When he made contact, the driver lit a cigarette and stated she was on her phone. The deputy smelled alcohol and the driver appeared impaired. She stated she just left a bar. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. While searching her vehicle prior to towing, an open White Claw was found along with marijuana. Charges were elevated due to the open bottle and a previous DWI conviction. .24

02.08 13xx 187 Lane NE – Warrant Arrest; a male called asking a deputy to come pick him up because he had a warrant. We obliged.

## **Ham Lake**

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

02.06 141xx Lincoln St NE – catalytic converter cut off a work vehicle parked at the location

02.08 14xx Lombardy Dr NE – a package stolen from the front steps

02.09 142xx Lincoln St NE – vehicle stolen; window punched, glass located in parking spot

### **Arrests**

02.03 Hwy 65/157 Ave NE – DWI 4<sup>th</sup> degree; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 96/65. When he made contact with the driver, he smelled alcohol. The male stated he was coming from a bar. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .107

02.03 16500 Block Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a vehicle for having a broken taillight. When identifying the driver, he did not have a license, and he had a warrant out of Chisago County. He was arrested.

02.07 17100 Block Hwy 65 NE – Drugs; a deputy stopped a driver because he knew she didn't have a driver's license and that she was very active in the drug culture. When he made contact she said she knows she doesn't have a license and that was because her child support payments were screwed up. The deputy asked her if there may be drugs inside, she replied "I have a weed bowl." The vehicle was searched and a lot of paraphernalia, cell phones, scales, packaging, and meth was found. She was arrested.

02.10 33xx Crosstown Blvd NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to an open 911 call line where they could hear hitting and screaming. When they arrived, they located a bloody victim. After invaginating, a male was arrested.

## **Linwood**

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

## **Nowthen**

### **Arrests**

02.03 229 Ave/Cedar Dr NW – Drugs; a deputy stopped a vehicle for driving suspiciously slow. He made contact with the driver. In plain sight, there was a THC vape pen. The vehicle was searched, and paraphernalia, meth, and other drugs were found. The driver was arrested.

02.05 Viking/St Francis Blvd NW – DWI 3<sup>rd</sup> degree; a deputy stopped a driver for multiple traffic concerns. He made contact with the driver who stated she was coming home from a bar; she appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .19

## Oak Grove

### Thefts & Damage to Property

02.06 34xx 197 Ave NW – a secured can containing cash stolen off the side of a building

02.06 216xx Potawatomi St NW – theft from an unsecured vehicle; keys, paperwork, magazine

02.06 223xx Lake George Blvd NW – theft of a vehicle from driveway; fob still in the house

### Arrests

02.03 20300 Block Cedar Dr NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver because he had a warrant out of Sherburne County. He was arrested.

02.05 Viking Blvd/Lake George Blvd NW – Weapons; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a rear license plate. When he made contact, he smelled a strong odor of marijuana and observed some in plain sight. The driver said he had smoked earlier. The driver stated he had some guns inside the vehicle. The male was argumentative with the deputies. The male did not have a permit to carry. Drugs and multiple guns were located. The male 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.*

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