



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 02.12.21

Here is a scam we have seen become more popular – *Wrap Advertising* on your vehicle:

On 02-08-21 at 1259 hours, I was dispatched to the Anoka County Sheriff's Office for a fraud report. Upon arrival, I spoke with the victim who reported a fraud attempt by mail.

He stated that several days ago he entered his name, address and phone number into a website for advertising on his vehicle. He then received an envelope in the mail from a company called "KC Steak Company." A letter inside the envelope gave instructions on how to receive the "advertising wrap" for his vehicle and payment information. Also inside the envelope was a cashier's check addressed to him for \$2600.50. The instructions stated he should cash the check, keep \$600.00, and use the rest for installation later.

The victim was suspicious of the letter and did not attempt to cash the check. I explained to him how this particular phishing scam works. He was also instructed to not communicate with anyone if he starts receiving phone calls regarding this incident. The letter and check were disposed of at ACSO. No monetary loss. Clear.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 02.05 21xx 151 Ave NW – garage door opener stolen out of unlocked vehicles; did not enter the home, it is possible the dog scared them away
- 02.05 21xx 151 Ave NW – theft of garage door opener from unlocked vehicle; found laying in the driveway, no entry made
- 02.05 17xx 147 Lane NW – mail tampering
- 02.05 Ivywood St NW – victim's identity being used to collect MN unemployment
- 02.08 Wren Court NW – phone scam; provided \$8000 in Target gift cards to thieves
- 02.09 18xx Crosstown Blvd NW – illegal dumping; suspect identified and picked up items
- 02.09 138 Lane NW – scam; work from home scam, Little Jaliso LLC, loss \$1600 Apple gift cards
- 02.09 Vale St NW – victim's identity being used to collect LA unemployment
- 02.09 149 Ave NW – victim's identity being used to collect MN unemployment
- 02.10 153 Lane NW - victim's identity being used to collect MN unemployment

Arrests

02.07 136xx Xavis St NW – 3rd degree DWI; a deputy was called to a vehicle being stuck in a snowbank. When he arrived, others were attempting to get it unstuck. When speaking with the driver he appeared impaired and the deputy observed an open alcohol container in the cup holder. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed; the driver was arrested. .154

02.08 13700 Block Hanson Blvd NW – Aid to Agency; Spring Lake Park Police had an attempt to locate broadcasted for a male wanted on a no-contact order violation. While driving, one of our command staff located the male driving and pulled him over. A deputy responded to the location and made the arrest.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

02.05 75xx Camp 3 Rd NE – fender flare stolen off truck parked in the driveway

Arrests

02.08 94xx Lake Dr NE – Warrant, Drugs; while the deputy was taking a coffee break he observed a male in the gas station who Brooklyn Park police were looking for the night before due to a motor vehicle crash that happened in their city. While speaking with the male it was discovered he had a warrant out of Washington County. He was arrested. Prior to placing him in the squad, he was searched and a felony level amount of drugs were found on him.

02.09 15200 Block Zurich St NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a vehicle for having no license plates. The driver was identified and found to have warrants out of WI and no valid driver's license. He was arrested. He stated he couldn't be arrested because it was "after hours" and he was going to take care of the warrant tomorrow. I am not sure how WI operates, but MN is not closed for warrant arrests! Lol.

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

02.05 4xx 206 Ave NE – deceased victim's identity being used to claim MN unemployment

02.07 184xx Hwy 65 NE – theft of outgoing mail from an unsecured mailbox

02.09 Channel Lane NE – victim's identity being used to collect MN unemployment

02.10 Durant St NE – scam call claiming to be the DEA in WA demanding money for warrant

Arrests

02.06 Green Brook/Briarwood Lane NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a vehicle because the driver had a warrant. He was identified and arrested.

02.06 181xx Hwy 65 NE – 3rd degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver because he drove over a concrete median. Before the deputy could exit his vehicle, the driver exited his vehicle with his hands up and apologized for driving over the median and stated it was because he had "too much to drink and probably should not be driving." The driver refused field sobriety tests. He was arrested. .19

02.08 Viking/Stutz St NE – Controlled Substance Possession; a deputy stopped a driver for driving too slow, and on the shoulder. When he made contact with the driver he appeared impaired. The driver was known to deputies and he was a fighter. He was placed in handcuffs for officer safety and searched. Meth and paraphernalia were located on him. He was arrested.

Ham Lake

Burglaries

02.05 142xx Staples St NE – took garage door opener out of an unlocked vehicle in the driveway, opened the garage door and entered the home; nothing taken

Thefts & Damage to Property

02.05 149xx Aberdeen St NE – lock cut off enclosed trailer in parking lot; generator

- 02.05 154 Ave NE- grandparent scam, grandson in crash and in jail
- 02.05 Jefferson St NE – victim’s identity being used to collect MN unemployment
- 02.08 17000 Block Baltimore – deputy found mail in snow; stolen out of mailbox, returned to owner
- 02.08 168xx Hwy 65 NE – secured trailer stolen out of storage facility
- 02.10 149xx Aberdeen St NE – vehicle doors opened and vehicles rummage through in sales lot
- 02.10 149xx Aberdeen St NE – window broken on RV parked in lot, stole GPS
- 02.10 Mapleton Dr NE – victim’s identity being used to claim MN unemployment
- 02.11 18xx 164 Lane NE – multiple pieces of mail found in the yard at the location
- 02.11 Xylite St NE – victim’s identity being used to claim MN unemployment

Arrests

02.05 14100 Block Radisson Rd NE – Warrant Arrest, False Information; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. When he went to identify the driver, he observed a passenger in the vehicle and knew she had warrants. When the deputy asked her what her name was, she lied. He arrested her for four warrants and false information.

02.08 39xx 149 Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; on routine patrol a deputy observed a male sitting in a running vehicle at the location. The deputy knew the male had a warrant for 2nd degree assault. The deputy pulled into the driveway and the male ran into the house and refused to let the deputy in. Eventually someone came to the door and let the deputies in. The male was located in his bedroom and refused to come out. After some negotiations, he came out and was arrested.

Linwood

Thefts & Damage to Property

02.05 92xx 236 Ave NE – theft of enclosed trailer from the property; unsecured

Nowthen

Thefts & Damage to Property

52xx Norris Lake Rd NW – an ATV was stolen from the property; keys were in it

Arrests

02.09 80xx Viking Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; on routine patrol a deputy observed a male driving who he knew to have a warrant and no driver’s license. He stopped the vehicle and the male was arrested.

02.11 18800 Block Jasper St NW – No Driver’s License; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding. When the vehicle stopped, the driver and passenger switched places. The deputy advised them he saw they switched places which they denied. They both were identified and the current passenger did not have a driver’s license but he did have a warrant out of Washington County - but it was not extraditable. He was arrested.

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

02.09 Rum River Blvd NW – fraud; phone call from Vtek about charge on acct. for \$249 and if he wanted a refund he would have to call back, gained access to computer and banking information

Arrests

02.11 221/Zion Parkway NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for having an equipment violation. Once the driver was identified, he was found to have a warrant out of Pine County. He was arrested. Marijuana was also found in the vehicle so he was also issued a citation.

**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.