



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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FRIDAY UPDATE: 02.24.23

Scams

02.17 The victim called and reported that he was sent a bill from Western Credit Union, but it had someone else's name on it, Jador Mossimo. The bill stated that Jador attempted to open an account and transfer \$2,500. The victim wanted to report the issue because he was recently a victim of fraud and identity theft. He was not out any money and just wanted to report the activity because he was not sure why that bill would have been sent to his address.

02.20 I spoke with a mother and daughter. The daughter was contacted by someone through social media who commented on her photos and offered to photograph her and help make her money. She then received checks via email from Apainting486@gmail.com. The checks were written to the daughter in the amounts of \$1000, \$500, and \$500. They requested she deposit the checks and pay a few unknown sources with the money. The daughter deposited the checks via a mobile app into her bank account. After the deposit went through she transferred the money via a Coinbase app using bitcoin to Jessica Flowers and sent money to Tacorey Galloway. She later found out the checks were fraudulent, and she lost \$1,700 from her account that the bank will not cover.

02.20 The victim reported a female known only as Janet had began to text him from the phone number 313-880-7614. He reported that Janet had began to ask him for a "loan" because she needed money. He agreed to assist Janet by purchasing gift cards and providing her with pictures of the gift cards and their receipts so that she could redeem them. He reported that he had purchased around \$4000 in Amazon and Visa gift cards and provided Janet with the card information. He stated that Janet was supposed to come to his home and pay him back for the loan and have "adult fun". The victim stated that Janet never showed up to his house, made excuses about coming to his house, and never paid him back.

02.22 The victim said she was looking for a Shelton Sheep Dog puppy as her was getting old. She found a website Juliashelties.com that said they had puppies. She reached out to website contact. Later, she was contacted by a female who ID'd herself as JuliaLee Williams and said she had some puppies. The victim sent a picture of her MN DL. The female sent pictures and the victim picked out a puppy. She sent a \$500 deposit through Zelle app. The money was sent to a Arina Norman at phone number 470-957-0949 who was said to be the treasurer for the company. The money was sent on 2/20/2023. On 2/21/2023, they requested \$800 upfront to help cover shipping costs and a special crate for the puppy. They said the puppy would be shipped by company called Fennex Shipping. She looked online and that company had bad reviews claiming it was possible fraudulent. She told the female ID'D as Williams about this. Then a male (unknown name) came on the phone saying it was not a scam and she needed to send the money to get her puppy. On 2/21/23, she had not sent the shipping money yet and the male called her and demanded she send the money now or the sale will be canceled. After investigating, the scammers were found to live in St. Paul. The investigation continues.

02.22 Snapchat blackmail scam. The victim had been talking to a party on snapchat with the user name ola_muller11. He had sent nudes to the party, which did not include his face, and the other party had sent him a video of the snapchat posts to include the nudes and his username. He stated that the party had a heavy accent and that the scammers time stamp was 7 hours ahead of our time. The scammer stated that if he did not send him \$200 in iTunes gift cards that he would send the video to his Instagram followers. He asked if we could track the scammer down and stop this from happening. I advised him that the scammer was out of the country by the information that he provided me. I advised him how these scams work and told

him that if he sends money it will make it worse and they will keep requesting money from him. After telling him how these scammers work and that they target as many people as they can, that they will more than likely move on to the next potential victim and not waste any more time with him.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 02.18 20xx 149 Ave NW – wallet stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the driveway overnight
- 02.18 142xx Raven St NW – laptop and air pods stolen out of an unlocked vehicle overnight
- 02.18 21xx 150 Ave NW – an unlocked vehicle was rummaged through overnight; title taken

Arrests

02.18 22xx 133 Lane NW - Domestic Assault; a deputy was responding to an open 911 line. When he arrived a female was crying and stated she was involved in a domestic with her boyfriend. The boyfriend was located hiding in a closet and arrested.

02.18 159xx Xeon St NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went to the location looking for a male with a felony warrant. He was located and arrested.

02.20 136xx Martin St NW – DWI Refusal; a business called and reported a vehicle running with a male passed out inside it. Deputies located the male and woke him up. When asked how much he had to drink, he stated “too much to drive.” Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He refused to take the PBT or the DMT. He was arrested.

02.21 14700 Block Linnet St NW – DWI 3rd degree; a deputy was flagged down by a witness and asked to help a male whose vehicle went into the ditch. The male appeared impaired and underage. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male stated he had one beer. He was arrested.
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Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 02.21 142xx Lake Dr NE – back window on a vehicle smashed out; Bluetooth and manual taken

Arrests

02.20 152xx Zurich St NE – Recovered Stolen Vehicle; a deputy located a vehicle in the parking lot that was stolen out of Wayzata. The deputy, with the help of security, searched the location and located the suspect. The suspect refused to identify himself. Luckily the Wayzata officer was able to ID the suspect after the deputy sent a picture. He was arrested. The male also had a KOPS alert out of him for CSC, Robbery, False Imprisonment, and Domestic.

East Bethel

Arrests

02.18 27xx Viking Blvd NE – Obstructing Legal Process; a deputy stopped a driver for not using his turn signal. The driver got out of the vehicle and approached the deputy before he got out of his car. The male was ordered back into his vehicle which he protested. Backup arrived and the male was taken into custody. He did not have a driver’s license.

02.21 Hwy 65/Viking Blvd NE – DWI 3rd degree; a deputy responded to a call of a vehicle on its roof in the median. When she arrived she approached the driver to see if she was injured, which she was not. The deputy did smell alcohol and the driver stated she had 4 to 5 beers. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .107

02.23 24xx 216 Ave NE – Assault; deputies responded to a call of a male out of control at a group home. When they arrived they were let in by an unknown person who then attacked the deputy. A fight ensued and the suspect was taken into custody. The caller finally came upstairs to explain who was who in the house and what the problem was.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

02.19 36xx 149 Ave NE – a vehicle stolen out of New Brighton was located

02.20 157xx Central Ave NE – catalytic converter cut off a work vehicle at a business

Arrests

02.18 45xx Crosstown Blvd NE – DWI 2nd degree; a homeowner reported that a male had just crashed in her yard. Deputies responded but the driver fled. He was located in another vehicle fleeing the scene; he appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. Charges were elevated due to fleeing and one other aggravating factor.

02.18 46xx Lexington Ave NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend domestic where the BF left after attempting to strangle the GF. A KOPS Alert was put out for his arrest.

02.19 Lexington/Constance Blvd NE – DWI 3rd degree; a caller reported a reckless driver. A deputy located the vehicle and stopped it. When she made contact, she smelled alcohol and the driver stated she had a "couple." Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .214

02.20 38xx Crosstown Blvd NE – Assist Other Agency; Elk River PD asked us to go to the location to locate a male who they have a KOPS alert on. A deputy observed the male outside the location and he was arrested and transferred to Elk River Police custody.

02.22 Hwy 65/169 Ave NE – DWI 2nd degree; a deputy stopped a driver for erratic driving. When she made contact, the driver appeared impaired and when asked stated she had two drinks. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .211

Linwood

Arrests

02.17 237xx Mackenzie St NE – Domestic Assault; a caller requested deputies check the welfare of a person who lives at the residence. After investigating, a male was arrested.

Nowthen

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

Oak Grove

Arrests

02.17 Lake George Blvd/199 Ave NW – DWI 4th degree; a deputy stopped a driver for erratic driving. When he made contact with the driver, he appeared impaired. The male was known to carry guns and refused to answer the deputies questions about being armed. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed but the driver PBT'd 0. A warrant for legal blood was obtained. There was a loaded gun in the center counsel. Charges are pending blood results.

02.18 Cedar Dr/227 Ave NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for having expired tabs (2021). The driver did not have a driver's license and couldn't tell the deputy who owned the car. She was issued a citation. The passenger had multiple warrants and he was arrested.

02.19 Viking/Cedar Dr NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male walking along the side of the road with dark clothing at 11 pm. He stopped to see if he could assist. The male stated he was heading to St. Paul and would like a ride. The deputy said he could get him closer but he would need to identify him and pat him down for weapons before getting into the car. The male said he was no longer interested. The male was identified eventually, and he had multiple warrants. 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.