



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 02.26.21

Here is a suspicious activity report we received last week. It is a new scam.

On 02-21-2021, at 2040 hours, I received a phone call regarding a suspicious phone call. The reporting party was identified. She explained she and her husband received a suspicious phone call from a male, who identified himself as "James." He stated he was the manager of the 7/11 and observed their daughter (used their daughter's name and DOB) take items out of the store without paying and requested she be brought back so she could pay for them. The mother stated the phone number he called from was 952-333-1733. The mother stated he never specified what she allegedly stole and didn't specify an actual 7/11 location, nor does she know of any 7/11's around Andover area. The mother stated she knew her daughter hadn't stolen anything because she was 15 years old and doesn't go anywhere without an adult, but she was concerned because this person knew her daughter's name, as well as her and her husband's cell phone numbers. I attempted to call the phone number and the automated voice stated the text now subscriber you are trying to reach is unavailable and to leave a message. I advised the victims they should block the phone number from their cell phones. They were advised to call back if she received any further phone calls.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 02.19 40xx 151 Ave NW – theft of a purse from an unlocked vehicle overnight
- 02.19 45xx 147 Lane NW – theft from unlocked vehicle; backpacks, gym clothes
- 02.20 21xx 151 Ave NW – mailbox hit by a vehicle
- 02.20 Orchid St NW – dating scam via app; victim sent \$3K to help his new mate, she didn't exist
- 02.21 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – theft of a purse out of a shopping cart; CC used in Coon Rapids
- 02.22 Killdeer St NW – scam phone call; "IRS" demanding SS# or an arrest warrant will be issued
- 02.23 141 Ave NW – SS scam call coming from 207.259.4916
- 02.23 161xx Round Lake Blvd NW – catalytic converter cut off a vehicle overnight in business lot
- 02.23 133xx Rose St NW – theft of mail and package from unsecured mailbox

Arrests

02.20 34xx 142 Av NW - Drugs; a deputy stopped a vehicle for a signal violation. When he made contacts with the occupants they appeared nervous. While speaking with each of them separately, no one knew who the other people in the vehicle were - odd. A K9 was called to search the vehicle. Meth was found; none of the occupants knew where it came from. Two males and a female were arrested.

02.21 15400 Block Round Lake Blvd NW – 2nd degree DWI; a deputy stopped a vehicle for traveling 25 in a 45, then 30 in a 55, and ultimately driving on the shoulder. He made contact and the driver appeared impaired and had a child in the vehicle. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. Transportation was made for the child and the driver was arrested. Charges were elevated due to prior DWI and a minor in the vehicle. .096

02.24 1100 Block Bunker Lake Blvd NW – 3rd degree DWI; a deputy stopped a vehicle because the driver whipped a U-turn and almost hit the deputy's vehicle. The driver appeared impaired and she thought she was in Fridley. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .319

02.26 Bunker Lake/Rose St NW- Warrant, No Driver's License; a deputy stopped a vehicle for expired tabs. Once the driver was identified, it was discovered he did not have a driver's license, but he did have a warrant. He was arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

02.19 137xx Lake Dr NE – lock cut off storage lockers; multiple items stolen

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

02.23 Naples St NE – fraud; tried renting a home on apartments.com that didn't belong to the thief

02.26 227xx Buchanan St NE – thieves going through pick-up beds of vehicles parked in driveway

Arrests

02.20 181xx Hwy 65 NE – Domestic Assault; deputies were called by a neighbor stating there was a physical domestic happening next door between a male and female. Both were arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

02.20 145xx Hwy 65 NE – window on vehicle smashed and rummaged through

02.22 39xx 136 Ave NE – three checks stolen from outgoing mail

02.22 13xx 153 Ave NE – damage caused by a Sawzall to a vehicle in an attempt to steal it

02.22 153xx Central Ave NE – two catalytic converters cut off vehicles parked in a business lot

02.23 Quemoy St NE – SS scam call; stating account was suspended

Arrests

02.19 39xx 149 Ave NE – Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped a driver because he knew he did not have a driver's license. The driver exited his vehicle before the deputy made contact and was refusing to get back in the vehicle. Once back at the vehicle, the driver had a dog he was trying to contain, and it appeared the driver was attempting to hide things inside the vehicle. The vehicle was searched. A stolen gun, marijuana, and meth were located. He was arrested.

02.19 Naples/149 Ave NE – DWI; a deputy was outside of his vehicle on a call. A vehicle hit his squad car and kept going. The deputy got into his vehicle and caught up with the person who had hit his squad. The driver appeared impaired and stated he had 2 glasses of wine. Field sobriety were conducted and failed. He was arrested .256

02.21 134xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed some familiar people and suspicious activity in a parking lot. He made contact with the people and one had a felony warrant. He was arrested.

02.22 Hwy 65/184 Ave NE – 4th degree DWI; on routine patrol a deputy observed a vehicle in the ditch; headlights were on and a person was in the driver's seat – he stopped to assist. The driver stepped out of the vehicle and stated he had help on the way. He appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .112

02.24 16700 Block Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for pulling out in front of another driver and almost causing a crash. The male was identified, and it was discovered he had a warrant out of Lake County Indiana that was extraditable. He was arrested. A fair amount of marijuana was found in the vehicle along with a large amount of cash, scale, and small baggies which are used to individually package marijuana.

02.25 Central/149 Ave NE – 4th degree DWI; on routine patrol a deputy located a vehicle in the ditch with two occupants in it. He approached the vehicle and the driver appeared to be experiencing a heroin overdose. While getting information about the driver from the passenger, she appeared to be also be overdosing. Ambulances arrived and a warrant for legal blood for the driver was obtained. Once the driver is released from the hospital, he will be brought to jail. Charges are pending until the blood results are returned.

02.26 137xx Johnson St NE – Warrant, No Driver's License; a deputy stopped out with an occupied vehicle parked in the lot of a business that was closed. The driver was identified, and it was learned he had a felony warrant out of Sherburne County and no driver's license. He was arrested.

Linwood

Thefts & Damage to Property

02.23 85xx 241 Ave NE – landscaping block thrown through a basement window

Arrests

02.21 67xx 231 Lane NE – Warrant Arrest; deputies learned a male with two warrants was at the location. They located the male on the deck and he was arrested.

02.21 Pluto/Viking Blvd NE – 4th degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for almost hitting him head-on. The driver appeared impaired. The deputy went to run her information and when he returned the driver was crying and smoking a cigarette. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .15

Nowthen

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

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

02.19 45xx 219 Lane NW – vehicles in the area seen opening mailboxes on RING doorbell

02.22 201 Ave/Killdeer St NW – multiple road signs stolen from the location

**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.