



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 03.05.21

ANOTHER SCAM. PLEASE MAKE TO SHARE WHAT YOU LEARN HERE WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY SO WE CAN HELP PREVENT MORE VICTIMS.

I was dispatched to our office to speak with a male regarding fraud he wanted to report. I spoke with the victim who advised on February 28th, a notice came up on his computer that his antivirus software was going to expire and he was going to be charged to renew it. The victim advised he contacted the software company and unknowingly wired them \$20,000. The victim advised that after contacting the software company, he was told to complete a form so he could be reimbursed for his account being charged. The victim advised he completed this form and saw that he was being reimbursed \$20,000 and not \$200. Joseph advised the software company asked that he wire the \$20,000 they accidentally sent him.

The victim advised he did not realize he had given the suspects his bank account number. The victim advised that the suspects took \$10,000 out of his wife's account and \$10,000 out of a separate account and put it in his checking account. The victim advised he observed that he did have an extra \$20,000 in his checking account but he did not realize the suspects had put it there out of his other two accounts.

The victim advised he then went to his bank on February 28th and wired the \$20,000 out of his account to a bank in Thailand; he then advised he then later noticed the \$20,000 missing out of his other two accounts. The victim advised he had already talked to his bank today about the situation and they recommended he contact law enforcement. I explained to him our limitations with his case. I also spoke with him about other scams occurring in our area.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 02.26 169 Lane NW – computer scam trying to fix Apple account at moonpay.com; loss \$2K
- 02.26 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – window on vehicle smashed, purse stolen; parked at Walmart
- 02.27 156 Ave NW – email scam posing as a friend requesting amazon gift cards; loss \$1600
- 03.01 141 Ave NW – computer anti-virus scam; loss \$20K
- 03.01 133xx Tulip St NW – theft of mail; credit card being used at the Treasure Island Casino
- 03.03 154xx Kiowa St NW – theft of mail; multiple incoming checks were stolen

Arrests

Shenandoah/Main St NW – 3rd degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. When he made contact, the driver appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .16 Charges were elevated due to a prior DWI.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 03.01 146xx W Freeway Dr NE – an RV stolen from a business lot

Arrests

02.27 152xx Zurich St NE – Domestic Assault; deputies were called to the hotel for a boyfriend/girlfriend domestic. The boyfriend fled prior to deputies arriving. An attempt to locate and arrest was put out for him.

02.28 152xx Zurich St NE – Warrant Arrest; deputies received information that a male with a warrant was at the location. When they arrived, he was leaving in a vehicle. The vehicle was stopped, the male lied about his identity. He was officially identified and arrested.

03.03 152xx Zurich St NE – Disorderly Conduct; deputies were called to the location because of an intoxicated male acting disorderly. The male was located arguing with employees. The male refused to identify himself, leave, or listen to the deputy's commands. He was arrested. On his way to jail, he threatened that he would return to his vehicle, get his guns, and kill the deputy.

03.04 Lake Dr/Int 35 – Warrant Arrest; a deputy ran a plate and the registered owner came back with a warrant. He stopped the vehicle, confirmed the identity of the driver, and he was arrested.

East Bethel

Arrests

02.27 14xx Sims Rd NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a vehicle because the passenger had a warrant out of Pine County. She was identified and arrested.

02.28 Viking/Hwy 65 NE – No Driver's License, Warrant; a deputy responded to a three-vehicle crash. When the drivers were identified, one was found to have no driver's license and multiple warrants. He was arrested.

03.01 Hwy 65/Viking Blvd NE – 4th degree DWI; a deputy was dispatched to a vehicle driving the wrong way on Hwy 65. He located the vehicle and stopped it. The driver appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .11

03.01 243xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a vehicle because he had a warrant. He was identified and arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

02.26 12xx Pinewood Dr NE – vandalism; a home was egged

03.01 17xx Hwy 65 NE – catalytic converter cut off vehicle overnight

03.01 9xx Constance Blvd NE – scam call threatening she had a warrant for her arrest

03.02 37xx 149 Ave NE – vehicle stolen out of the driveway overnight; keys hidden under mat

03.03 Constance Blvd NE – phone scam; victims SS# was related to drugs in TX, threatened arrest

Arrests

02.26 Mapleton/Flamingo Dr NE – Order for Protection Violation; a deputy stopped a vehicle because he needed to serve the driver with a subpoena. When he made contact, there was a male in the backseat who the driver had an order for protection against. The male was eventually removed from the vehicle and arrested.

02.26 175/Central Ave NE – 4th degree DWI; a deputy stopped out with a vehicle he observed leave a bar, started driving without headlights, and then proceeded to drive into the ditch. When he made

contact with the driver, he appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .127

03.03 142xx Hwy 65 NE – Stolen Vehicle; Chaska PD asked deputies to check the area because a vehicle stolen out of their city was showing via GPS to be in the area. Deputies located the vehicle inside a storage business. The driver tried to evade them, but he was located inside the storage unit. The male in the vehicle was arrested. Deputies also found drugs that looked like they had been tossed out of the vehicle by the driver.

Linwood

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

Nowthen

Burglaries

03.01 53xx 199 Ave NW – business burglary; forced front door, stole tools and accessories

Arrests

02.27 St Francis Blvd/Cleary Rd NW – 4th degree DWI; a deputy was called to the location for a vehicle in the ditch. A passerby was concerned because she couldn't wake the driver when she stopped to assist. The driver appeared impaired and thought he was in Champlin. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .143

03.03 218xx Xenon St NW – Assault; a fight broke out between two people and deputies responded. After investigating one person was issued two citations for assault.

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

02.27 190 Ave NW – scam call from Amazon claiming fraudulent charges; requesting personal info

02.28 217xx Lake George Blvd NW – windows on a vehicle broken out while owner was ice fishing

Arrests

02.28 Rum River/211 Lane NW – 4th degree DWI; a deputy stopped a vehicle for having expired plates. When he made contact with the driver, she appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .13

02.28 187xx Lake George Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest, No Driver's License; a deputy stopped a vehicle for speeding 82/55. When the driver was identified, it was learned he had a Wright County Warrant and no driver's license. He was arrested.

02.28 212xx Block Rum River Blvd NW – No Driver's License; a deputy stopped a driver for making an illegal pass. The driver was identified, and her driver's license was canceled inimical to public safety. She was arrested and her vehicle towed.

03.01 219xx Quay St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a mother/son domestic. The son 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.