



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

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 03.17.23**

### **Scams**

03.13 Call from Corporate Work Scam: The victim stated that she got a phone call at 4:13pm from Speedway Corporate; it appeared on the caller ID. She believed that it was corporate calling and followed the instructions given to her. The caller told her the network was down and advised her to physically close the store, which she did. The caller later had her disconnect the phones and called the victim on her cellphone. She was instructed to place money on various gift cards and from 721pm to 956pm, 15 gift cards were activated for a total of \$4095. She provided the caller with all the information from the cards, which means they could be used immediately. The caller had also advised the victim to move the \$5's and \$10's out of the safe and into the register and was worried that they might have intended to come to the store to rob her.

03.16 The victim reported that he was contacted on 03/09/23 by somebody claiming to be his grandson. The caller proceeded to tell him that he had been arrested in Georgia after a police chase and needed \$15,000 to get an attorney who could help him bail out and fight the charges. He said he spoke with a female who told him her name was Abby (no last name given), as well as a male who gave the name Nicholas Somberg. Somberg claimed he was a public defender and that he was able to help his grandson. He was instructed to send \$15,000 in cash, wrapped in t-shirts, via UPS. The address he was instructed to send the money to turned out to be a vacant rental property. He provided a tracking # which shows that he requested that the package be returned to him. The tracking # also shows that the package is being held at a "government facility" in Georgia. At the time of this report it is unclear as to whether or not he will get his money back.

### **Andover**

#### **Burglaries**

03.16 136xx Hanson Blvd NW – business, broke front window; cash from register

#### **Arrests**

03.11 137xx Round lake Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy ran a plate after a driver made an illegal U-turn. It showed the driver did not have a license but did have a warrant. He was stopped and arrested.

03.13 152xx Bluebird St NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy ran a license plate and the registered owner came back without a driver's license. He had been cited twice before for driving without a license. The deputy stopped him and he was arrested.

03.14 Round Lake/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – DWI 4<sup>th</sup> degree; a deputy stopped a driver for an equipment violation. When he made contact, he smelled alcohol. When the driver was asked for his driver's license, he handed the deputy his credit card. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .116

## **Bethel**

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

## **Columbus**

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

03.12 96xx 189 Ave NE – a lean-to collapsed due to snow and trapped 2 donkeys inside

## **East Bethel**

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

03.10 16xx 214 Ave NE – catalytic converter cut from a vehicle in the driveway

### **Arrests**

03.10 11xx 231 Lane NE – Warrant Arrest; deputies responded to a roommate domestic. After that was settled, it was learned a woman at the location had a warrant. She was arrested.

03.11 223xx Palisade St NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical altercation between a grandfather/grandson. The grandson was arrested.

03.11 197xx Rochester St NE – Domestic, Warrant; deputies responded to a mother/son domestic. When things were sorted out, the son was found to have a warrant. He was arrested.

03.15 181xx Hwy 65 NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend domestic, and it appeared the male was high. After investigating, the boyfriend was arrested.

## **Ham Lake**

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

03.16 163xx Hwy 65 NE – a suspect caught on camera tampering with vehicles on the sales lot

### **Arrests**

03.10 18xx 140 Ave NE – Warrant, Assist Other Agency; Lino Lakes PD requested we go to the location and look for a male who violated an order for protection. He was located and arrested.

03.11 176xx Block Xylite St NE – Controlled Substance, Warrant; a deputy stopped a driver because he had a warrant. While searching him prior to his arrest, Oxy was found.

03.12 Hwy 65/Crosstown Blvd NE – Criminal Vehicular Operation; deputies responded to a crash at the location. When speaking with the drivers, one stated he had a couple drinks. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. .181. Due to the circumstances, a warrant for legal blood was obtained. He was arrested.

## **Linwood**

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

## **Nowthen**

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

03.11 200xx Ferret St NW – theft of an ATV on a trailer from a business

03.15 199xx Iguana St NW – lock cut off a storage unit; rims, bike, generator

## **Arrests**

03.10 218xx Norris Lake Rd NW – Domestic; deputies responded to a mother/son domestic. When they arrived they learned the mother had an harassment order against the son and he was arrested. During his intake search at the Jail, fentanyl was found.

03.13 93xx 187 Ave NW – DWI 2<sup>nd</sup> degree; a deputy responded to a vehicle that had hit a mailbox and ended up in the ditch. The caller reported the driver appeared impaired. The deputy arrived and located the female in the driver's seat. In plain site was a bottle of Fireball and the deputy could smell alcohol. The woman was asked to step out of the vehicle and she refused and began to fight and attempted to lock the deputy out of the vehicle. Ramsey PD had to back in order to get the situation under control. It was discovered the woman was required to have an ignition interlock due to prior DWIs. She refused to take any tests and continued to fight. She was arrested.

## **Oak Grove**

### **Arrests**

03.12 195 Lane/Cedar Dr NW – Drugs, Warrants x4, Burglary Tools; a deputy stopped a vehicle because it was involved in a catalytic converter theft. All four occupants had warrants and they were arrested. The vehicle was stolen. There were drugs and burglary tools located in the vehicle.

03.16 226xx Zion Parkway NW – Package Theft; the caller observed a male stealing a package from the front steps in Bethel and got the license plate. A deputy in Oak Grove located the vehicle and stopped it. The driver said he was an Instacart driver, which was a lie. The stolen items were seen on the floor of the vehicle. 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.*

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