



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 03.25.22

Here is an email I received from a resident. She sent me a photo of the letter; it was a great looking letter. If you receive something similar, always call the number on the back of your credit card instead of the one listed in the letter.

I recently received a letter from (fake) Chase Bank. The letter stated that they received my address change and if I did not request this change to contact them immediately at 1-877-342-4273. I knew this was not Chase, as I verified with the actual Chase Bank – as well as seen that there was a scam with this number doing a google search. When I called the fake number it actually states if you are calling about a letter regarding your address change, and asks for you to input your account number, debit card number or PIN. I do not even have a Chase account, so I knew it was not right. I wanted to get the word out there for anyone who may be vulnerable to these types of scam.

Scams

03.18 I spoke with the complainant. She advised I me she applied for an administrative assistant job at Nomi Healthcare on 02/11/2022 through Indeed. The victim said Nomi Healthcare reached out to her through the Telegram App. She accepted an interview and basic questions followed. The representative asked for the victim's bank name so they could prepare a direct deposit. She also completed a W4 with her social security number on it and sent it to the company.

The victim said the company was going to be sending her a check for \$4,500 for supplies and software. She received the check via the computer and cashed it at her bank. The victim said she was asked to send \$400 through Zelle to a vendor by the name of TANYAREYNON707@GMAIL.COM on 02/11/2022 which she did. The next day she was asked to send \$2,500 to the same vendor through the Zelle app which was successful. The victim was asked to download "cashapp" to send the remaining \$1,300 to "\$KIKAG30" (or Erika Gamez) but the transfer failed. She was then asked to send \$600 on Zelle to TANYAREYNON707@GMAIL.COM. She sent the last \$700 to TANYAREYNON707@GMAIL.COM again via Zelle. The victim was notified on 02/16 or 02/17 that the original check from the company bounced. The scammer told her they would send her another check and continue doing transfers and the victim stopped communicating with the scammer. She made a complaint with her bank and they refused to reimburse her.

03.21 On 3/21/2022, at 1742 hours, I was dispatched to a phone call regarding a possible scam report. I made contact with the reporting party. She advised that she had received a phone call from an unknown individual claiming to work the Anoka County Sheriff's Office. She advised that the individual stated that her daughter was in jail. When they asked for details, the individual stated that they would need to call her back. Shortly after, their daughter arrived home and was not in jail.

03.22 The caller reported he received text messages from a phone number that appeared to be spoofed advising him to pay \$2000 or he and his family may be hurt. He advised that the messenger provided some basic info about him that was clearly info available in a simple internet search. No financial loss.

03.24 The victim was looking for a personal loan online 2 weeks ago. He applied to numerous websites and was called by a man who identified himself as David Jones. David's number was 786-567-4080 and he said he was with Eloan Financial. David told the victim that he was approved for a \$10,000 loan but had to pay \$3,000 in fees. David said that the fees were through Money Gram and that he would be reimbursed when he got the loan. David told the victim that he would have to go to a Bitcoin ATM to pay the fees. Ronald went to a Bitcoin ATM and finished transferring the money today.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.21 142xx Vintage St NW – theft of mail from unsecured box

Arrests

03.19 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies were at the location due to two female shoplifters. They located the women; one had a felony warrant. She was arrested.

03.21 153xx Xeon St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a father/daughter domestic. The daughter was arrested.

03.22 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Shoplifting; deputies were called due to a male “under ringing” items at the self-checkout. He was located, the incident investigated, and he was arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.23 54xx 197 Ave NE – attempted catalytic converter theft while parked in the lot at the park

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.23 212xx Rendova St NE – attempted theft of an Ice Castle parked on the side of the garage

Arrests

03.21 181xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; on routine patrol a deputy observed a male he knew to have a warrant. The male got in a vehicle and tried to leave. The deputy was able to stop him and he was arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.18 138xx Aberdeen St NE – business; three catalytic converters cut off vehicles in lot

03.19 164xx Tippecanoe St NE – theft of Amazon package from mailbox

03.20 24xx Constance Blvd NE – catalytic converter cut of RV stored at the location x2

03.21 138xx Aberdeen St NE – stolen vehicle; taken for a test drive and never returned

Arrests

03.18 1600 Block Crosstown Blvd NE – 4th degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for straddling the fog line. The driver appeared impaired and stated she had one shot. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .129

03.19 15xxx Austin St NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend fight. The boyfriend was arrested.

03.19 Hwy 65/153 Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy saw a male driving a vehicle and new he had a warrant out of Hennepin County. He stopped the driver and he was arrested.

Linwood

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

Nowthen

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

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.19 32xx Viking Blvd NW – vehicle parked in lot was saran wrapped and egged

Arrests

03.19 20400 Block Cedar Dr NW – 4th degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 79/55. When he made contact with the driver, he smelled alcohol. The driver stated he had a couple beers. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .116

03.20 44xx 222 Ave NW – Domestic Order Violation; a caller reported an ex-boyfriend at the location and she currently had an order for protection against him. Deputies arrived, located the male and 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.