



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 04.09.21

This week I received a call from a resident who had been taken by a scammer. She is a bright, hard working woman and was embarrassed that it happened to her. Education is the best way to prevent people from becoming a victim.

Her story was that she received a friend request on FB from an uncle and accepted it. He contacted her and asked if she was familiar with the program "Christian Grants" and sent a link. She watched the video, figured out she was eligible for a \$50K grant and applied. There was a \$500 fee for the application. She applied, paid the fee, and then they contacted her saying they needed more money to process her payment. At that time, she realized it was a scam.

Please share the stories about scams you hear here with friends and family – education is the best form of prevention!

Scam

04.06 Call requesting payment for medical bill asking for CC; offered grocery coupons for payment
04.06 Call saying border patrol had a box of drugs with victim's name on it; wanted warrant payment
04.07 Instagram, blackmail threat demanding money otherwise they will post compromising video
04.08 Call stating: "I am a law enforcement agent and we will coming out to your place tomorrow between 3-5pm. Not only will we be coming to your house but the media will be there as well. We will be coming out to your house as soon as we gather all the paperwork together against you." An attempt to get money.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.02 28xx 172 Ave NW – unlocked vehicle in driveway rummaged through overnight
04.02 153xx Wren St NW – ding-dong-ditch being done in area; 5 juveniles males were identified and their parents notified; one was charged with disorderly conduct
04.04 139xx Orchid St NW – wires cut on outdoor lights in trees
04.06 1xx 150 Lane NW – theft of outgoing mail from mailbox; check stolen

Arrests

04.05 Round Lake/136 Ave NW - DWI-Refusal; a deputy responded to a 2-vehicle crash. The caller complained the male involved was becoming very agitated. The deputy ran him on the way to the call and learned he had a warrant. The male was handcuffed and placed in the squad due to the warrant; when searching him prior, a loaded needle was located on him. A warrant for blood was obtained. Due to the male's agitation and high appearance, field sobriety tests were not conducted for his safety. He was arrested.2112

04.06 135xx Swallow St NW – Arrest; Ramsey PD requested we go to the location to see if a male was there because he is wanted by them for a domestic incident that occurred in their city. The male was located and arrested.

Bethel

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04.07 236xx University Ave NW – work vehicle stolen, located nearby; tools, air compressor stolen

Columbus

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04.02 149xx Anson St NE – lock cut from camper/trailer, stole from driveway overnight

East Bethel

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04.04 243xx Hwy 65 NE – tires slashed on vehicle parked in driveway overnight

04.08 236xx University Ave NW – catalytic converter cut off of work truck

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.03 149xx Aberdeen St NE – fence cut, attempted to steal vehicle

04.05 158xx Lincoln St NE – theft from two unlocked work vehicles; titles, impact air guns

04.08 149xx Jackson St NE – theft of Amazon package from mailbox

Arrests

04.02 Central/McKay Dr NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a vehicle because he knew the passenger had a couple warrants. The passenger was identified and arrested.

04.04 13600 Block Johnson St NE – Warrant x2; a deputy observed a male and female at a gas station and he knew they both had warrants. When they left in their vehicle, he stopped them. Both were identified and arrested.

04.07 154xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; a probation officer called a deputy to the location to arrest a male for a probation violation. He was located and arrested.

Linwood

Arrests

04.08 7600 Block Viking Blvd NE – 2nd degree DWI; a vehicle swerved into a deputy's lane of traffic and almost hit him head-on. He turned around and stopped the vehicle. The driver appeared impaired and could not understand the request to get out of the vehicle for sobriety tests. She was arrested. A mug of vodka was found in the cupholder. Charges were elevated due to two prior DWI's and alcohol content. .29

Nowthen

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.05 202xx Wolverine St NW – theft of mail

Arrests

04.05 Viking/St Francis Blvd NW – No Driver’s License; on routine patrol a deputy ran a plate and it came back as impounded. He stopped the vehicle and when he identified the driver, he did not have a license. He was arrested.

Oak Grove

Arrests

04.07 Rum River/227 Ave NW – 1st degree DWI; a deputy observed a male at a stop sign, not moving, and talking on a cell phone. The male finally turned but was traveling about 25 mph under the speed limit. He stopped the driver. When he made contact with the driver he appeared off, was mumbling, and couldn’t follow directions to put the vehicle in park. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He PBT .00 so a warrant for blood was obtained. He was arrested. Charges were elevated due to prior DWI’s.

**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.