



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 05.06.22

This report brought me back; I don't know how many parents can relate to this, but I can. It happened about 28 years ago, but I remember it like yesterday.

04.25 I responded to the location in regard to a report of a missing child. Upon arrival, I made contact with the mother who reported that she had called when she could not find her daughter (2 yo) anywhere in her home. The mother reported that just prior to my arrival she had located her daughter hiding under her crib. I verified that the child was fine and that the mother required no other assistance before clearing the scene.

Scams

05.01 The victim created an account on a dating website called Hinge. He explained to me that you have to be 18 years old to create an account and they verify your information. Once on the account, he began to message a woman named Summer. He said they texted back and forth for a bit. He said they were never sexual in the conversation when without him asking, Summer sent a nude photo of herself. Today the victim received a phone call from someone claiming to be a police detective, calling from 612-439-4771. The unknown person did not say their name and did not give their agency. The male caller told the victim that Summer was under 18 and he had two options. Option one was for him to be arrested for pedophilia. Option two was he call Summer's parents and work it out like adults. The victim was given the names of Michele and Albert Loy 612-843-7175. The victim ended up calling Michele via the number provided. The victim was informed he needed to give access to his Venmo account and pay \$2,000 for damages that Summer did to their house after getting caught sending the nude photos. The victim began to become suspicious of the incident and didn't believe he did anything wrong as he did not ask for the photo and believed she was over 18 years old. I informed the victim this did appear to be a fraud and to not have any further contact with any of the involved parties. I attempted to call both numbers listed but both numbers were out of service.

05.03 The MN Department of Human Services requested we follow up with an elderly victim who fell victim to a computer hack and purchased \$1013.90 in gift cards for the hacker. The victim was grateful to see me. She advised me she attempted to download a manual for a sewing machine and then began getting messages from Microsoft regarding a malware issue with her computer. She said she called a phone number and spoke with a male by the name of Chandran Bhriti. Bhriti talked the victim into obtaining gift cards from Walgreens and CVS. She spent approximately \$1013.90 to purchase the gift cards. She said the hacker also got access to all of her personal information including usernames, passwords, and social security numbers. The victim has notified her bank and other proper authorities. She was of sound mind and was aware of her mistake. She said she will not fall victim to a hacker or fraud scam again.

05.04 The victim stated earlier today she got locked out of her Venmo account and she called the customer service line at 855-812-4430 to try and get back into her Venmo account. She stated that she was transferred a few times while talking to customer service. She ended up talking with a male that identified himself as William Undra. William told her that she needed to use Zelle to transfer him \$10.00 in order to get access to her Venmo account. William stated that money would be refunded after gaining access. The victim sent him the money and started to feel suspicious of the transaction when William asked for more money. She hung up the phone and William started texting her from 909-281-0708 asking for more money again. The victim

checked her Wells Fargo account and saw 5 unauthorized transactions adding to \$2666.37. She contacted her bank and told them about the fraud.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 04.22 34xx 165 Lane NW – theft from mailbox; USPS package
- 04.24 20xx 161 Ave NW – catalytic converter cut off an RV at the location
- 04.24 33xx 165 Lane NW – vehicle created lawn circles on lawn overnight
- 04.26 138xx Sycamore St NW – punched lock on work van and stole power tools
- 04.29 37xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – theft of a wallet from an unlocked vehicle at a park
- 04.30 35xx 161 Ave NW – vehicle drove on soccer fields and damaged them; suspect caught
- 05.04 134xx Jonquil St NW – theft of two USPS packages

Arrests

04.23 152xx Bluebird St NW – No Contact Order Violation; a deputy stopped a vehicle for not having a license plate. The passenger exited the vehicle prior to the deputy making contact and began to walk away. The deputy called for backup and gained compliance from the male. It turns out the male was in the vehicle with a woman who had a no contact order against him. He was arrested.

04.24 144xx Hummingbird St NW – Domestic; deputies responded to a call of a male at the location breaking things in the home. When they arrived they located a male walking down the street that matched the description of the suspect and he was stopped. After investigating, he was arrested.

04.28 151/Nightingale St NW – Drugs; a deputy observed a fake registration sticker on a license plate and stopped the driver. The driver stated he had an expired license and no insurance; he appeared nervous and was very chatty. He was arrested. While searching the vehicle prior to towing it, paraphernalia and heroin were found.

05.03 153xx Xeon St NW – Warrant Arrest; while talking with a male regarding another incident, it was discovered he had a warrant. He was arrested.

05.05 Argon/165 Ave NW – Disorderly Conduct; three juvenile females had traveled to the location via Uber to fight another juvenile female they were having a social media fight with. Deputies arrived and located the females and a parent. A knife had been displayed. All three were detained until the situation was sorted out and parents were contacted. Citations were issued to the three females.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 04.28 140x Lake Dr NE – Storage Unit; multiple locks cut off units, 3 RV's pried open and rummaged
- 04.29 95xx Broadway Av NE – catalytic converter cut off an RV at the location
- 05.05 140xx Lake Dr NE – RV parked at a storage center broken into and multiple items stolen

Arrests

04.29 152xx Zurich St NE – Warrant; deputies responded to a call of a suspicious truck with tools to cut off catalytic converters in it. The deputies arrived and located the suspicious vehicle and spoke to

the driver. The driver claimed to have no knowledge about anything. Deputies ran him for warrants and he had one so he was arrested.

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

05.02 189xx Cedar Dr NW – vandalism to the HVAC system on the roof of the family center

05.03 212xx East Bethel Blvd NW – theft of license plates from a vehicle

Arrests

04.30 197xx Rochester St NE – Drugs; deputies went to the location to try and locate a male with a warrant. He was located and arrested. While searching him prior to putting him in the squad, meth was found.

05.02 237xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male at a store and knew he had a warrant. The deputy made contact with the male and he was arrested.

05.03 204xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; Isanti County requested we attempt to locate a male with a warrant for 3rd degree Homicide. He was located and taken into custody without issue.

05.04 181xx Hwy 65 NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a call of a boyfriend/girlfriend physical domestic. After investigating, the girlfriend was arrested.

05.05 181xx Hwy 65 NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a fight between two females. One was arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.25 172xx Hwy 65 NE – theft of four catalytic converters from vehicles in the sales lot

04.29 4800 Block 165 Ave NE – stolen vehicle out of St. Paul recovered at the location

04.30 27xx Bunker Lake Blvd NE – catalytic converter cut off an RV at the location

05.03 152xx Hwy 65 NE – catalytic converter cut off a work vehicle at the location

05.03 14xx 133 Lane NE – purse stolen from an unlocked vehicle while parent ran in to pickup child

Arrests

05.01 14xx Constance Blvd NE – Warrant Arrest; on routine patrol a deputy observed a female pumping gas and knew she had a warrant. She was arrested.

05.03 9xx 154 Ave NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend fight and the boyfriend had fled. After investigating it was decided the BF would be arrested. He was located hiding in the bushes at another location. He was arrested.

05.03 168xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; on routine patrol a deputy observed suspicious activity at a storage business that had recently been burglarized. He checked it out and located two males whom he identified. One had a warrant out of McLeod County for receiving stolen property and drugs. He was arrested.

Linwood

Arrests

04.29 66xx 230 Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went to the location looking for a male with a felony warrant. He was located and arrested.

Nowthen

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.29 199xx Iguana St NW – lock on storage unit cut; dirt bike and tires stolen

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.25 23xx 181 Ave NW – a vehicle left at the location for repairs was stolen; keys were in it

Arrests

04.29 28xx 299 Ave NW – Domestic; deputies responded to a fight between a husband and wife. The husband was arrested.

05.03 226xx Zion Pkwy NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a husband and wife fight. The husband 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.