



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 05.13.22

This week we were able to use a home camera system to identify a vehicle involved in the theft of a motorcycle. Often when something like this happens in a neighborhood, deputies will canvas the area looking for home security cameras. To help provide more efficiency in this process, our office has set up a *Camera Registry Program*. This program is voluntary, and we would only request you review the footage to see if your camera may have caught any evidentiary information. For more information on the program or to enroll go to <https://www.anokacounty.us/3572/Camera-Registry-Program>

Scams

05.06 The victim received an email from her boss asking for her phone number. She sent it and then received a text stating that he wanted to reward staff and get them some gift cards. He asked the victim to buy them and said he would pay her back later. The victim purchased 5 \$100 gift cards and sent pictures of the gift cards via text to her "boss." About an hour later it was discovered the email was a fake and the victim was dealing with a scammer.

05.06 x3 I spoke with the victims by phone regarding a scam/fraud report. They reported that they received a phone call from an unknown male stating he was a deputy with ACSO and that they had an active warrant for their arrest. The warrant was for a missed court date. The unknown male said that they were called to be a witness and did not appear in court. The unknown male said that they needed to pay \$3000.00 with a Zelle account. The victims said that they hung up on the unknown male and wanted this documented with ACSO. No suspect information at this time.

05.11 On 5/11/2022, at 1419 hours, I was dispatched to a possible kidnapping call. I called the reporting party and she stated the following: around 1400 hours she received a phone call from 612-594-8853 with a male stating he was a police officer. The male then stated that he wasn't the police but a drug smuggler that kidnapped her sister. The male then stated that he was going to cut the limbs off her sister, and the victim could hear a person screaming in the background. The victim got scared and hung up the phone and called 911 to report the incident. I got the sister's phone number and called her. She answered the phone and I explained the situation about the possible kidnapping phone call. The sister stated that she was safe and fine.

05.12 I arrived and was confronted by store staff. They showed me a male wearing a white shirt and black hat leaving the store. I tried to make contact with the male, but he continued to walk away from me. When I asked to speak with him, he said "shh." I overheard him on the phone with another male (phone number 612-540-1369). The male on the phone was walking the victim through steps on how to wire him money in return for his "kidnapped daughter". Another deputy was able to find the daughter's phone number on the victim's phone. I made contact with the daughter who stated she was fine and at a hair salon in Coon Rapids. Deputy Arthur then spoke with the scammer on the phone who promptly ended the call after he learned we were law enforcement. The victim was shaken up and we advised him this is a common scam occurring in the area currently. The victim did pull an unknown amount of money from the ATM at Walmart but never wired the money to the scammer.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 05.06 35xx 161 Ave NW – damage to the park caused by a vehicle driving through it
- 05.06 150xx Crane St NW – license plates stolen and replaced with other plates
- 05.06 23xx Uplander Dr NW – “nerf war” complaint of juveniles jumping on vehicles
- 05.06 151xx Bluebird St NW – license plates stolen from vehicle and replaced with other plates
- 05.09 170xx Barium St NW – trailer stolen from the backyard
- 05.10 137xx Jay St NW – license plate stolen from a vehicle while the victim was working
- 05.10 157xx Dakota St NW – recycling can damaged beyond repair; possibly by a vehicle
- 05.10 163xx Juniper St NW – theft of a trailer from the driveway; used in a theft in East Bethel
- 05.11 41xx 147 Ave NW – catalytic converter cut off an RV parked in driveway
- 05.12 41xx 165 Ave NW – license plate stolen off a vehicle
- 05.12 21xx 135 Lane NW – gas siphoned out of a vehicle parked in the driveway

Arrests

- 05.06 143xx Wintergreen St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies were called to a father/son domestic. The son was arrested.

- 05.07 15xx 144 Ave NW – DWI; a deputy responded to a two-car crash where one vehicle rear-ended the other. When he made contact with the drivers, one appeared impaired. The suspect told one deputy he was drinking, he told another deputy that he was not drinking and delivering for Door Dash. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .265

- 05.07 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; a boyfriend and girlfriend were having a domestic in the parking lot. When a deputy arrived the boyfriend told him that his girlfriend had multiple warrants. The deputy identified her and she had 10 warrants and was arrested. The girlfriend said the boyfriend had meth in the truck. The truck was searched but no meth was found, he was released at the scene.

- 05.10 15xx 159 Ave NW – Assault; deputies responded to a family domestic involving a knife. The suspect had barricaded herself in a room. After negotiating the suspect refused to come out. The room was breached, and she was taken into custody.

- 05.12 152xx Bluebird St NW – Drugs; deputies were called to the pharmacy due to a male trying to pass a fake prescription for a schedule 3 narcotic. The male was located and arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 05.12 140xx W Freeway Dr NE – RV stolen from a sales lot; lock cut on gate

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 05.09 207xx Eveleth St NE – tabs stolen off license plate from a vehicle parked in the driveway
- 05.10 12xx 185 Ave NE – motorcycle stolen from a secured garage; theft caught on video

Arrests

05.08 35xx 190 Ave NE – DANCO Violation; deputies were called to the location because a male with an order for protection against him was at the location trying to kick in the front door. When they arrived, the male fled and hid in a boat. When deputies located him, he ran and climbed a tree. He kept going higher. After an hour of negotiation and the fire department's boom truck, the male finally surrendered and was taken into custody.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

05.06 142xx Hwy 65 NE – catalytic converter cut off a dump truck stored at the location

05.06 168xx Hwy 65 NE – catalytic converter cut off an RV stored at the location

05.09 14xx 147 Ave NE – attempted to cut off catalytic converter from a vehicle at the business

05.09 148xx Hwy 65 NE – enclosed trailer at a job site forced open; tools stolen

05.09 37xx 143 Lane NE- vandalism; a home was egged

05.09 142xx Lincoln St NE – catalytic converter cut from a work vehicle at the business

05.10 22xx 154 Ave NE – theft of tools from a construction site

Arrests

05.09 172xx Eveleth St NE – Domestic; deputies responded to a 911 hang-up call. When they arrived they learned a domestic assault had occurred and the suspect had fled. After investigating, the suspect was located and arrested.

05.12 38xx 149 Ave NE – Assault; deputies responded to a domestic involving a male with a gun. A perimeter was set up and the suspect was arrested without incident.

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

Burglaries

05.09 228xx Jivaro St NW – entered through unsecured door; tools

**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.