



## **ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART**

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 05.14.21**

Here is a new, complicated scam regarding Google Play Cards, Facebook and YouTube:

I spoke with the victim who reported that she purchased \$12,000.00 in Google Play Cards, gave the card numbers to a male identified as James Carrey. The victim explained that she wrote a song and posted it on YouTube and Facebook. The victim said that she was contacted via a Facebook Message by someone claiming to be James Carrey. The male said he liked her song. The victim believed that the person who contacted her was the comedian/actor James Carrey.

The victim said she had a video call with a male who appeared to be James Carrey. She continued to have contact with the male via a chat room called "Hang Out". She said that she had numerous contacts with the male over the last two months. The victim said that the male asked her to purchase Google Play Cards. She said that she has purchased \$12,000.00 in Google Play Cards and gave the card numbers to the male. The victim said she purchased the Google Play cards with TCF, Capital One, and Target credit cards. She said that she had contact with the male with the e-mail address: JamesEugeneCarrey11@gmail.com and the chat room "Hang Out." She added that she received a checkbook with her name on it from the male. She said that the male asked her to send a \$12,000.00 check to a Chriss Osborne at 4611 West Verd LN in Phoenix Arizona. The victim said she checked with the bank and found that the account was closed. No suspect information at this time.

**Heads-Up:** I haven't gotten a chance to vet this report but wanted to include it. If anyone stops at your home and you don't have a scheduled appointment with them – send them away and report the activity to 911 immediately.

I was dispatched a phone call on a suspicious vehicle report. I spoke with the victim who stated that a silver in color car with Wisconsin plates came down their driveway around 1130 hours this morning and two males exited the vehicle one was white and one was mixed race. The victim stated that they said they were there to go through Medicare with her and her husband but they knew that was not true. They asked the two men to leave and did not let them come into the house. The victim said they went eastbound on 181 Ave NW when they left their driveway.

### **Scams**

05.07 FB Marketplace, sold a motorcycle and was given a fake check and purchaser information.

05.07 Car sale fraud; victim received an email from the business where he was purchasing the vehicle and was told to change the routing number for payment, loss \$10K.

05.07 Amazon scam; victim called to report that she had been called by "Amazon" and told that she had ordered a computer but there was a problem with the order. She called back and told them that she didn't order the computer and was told they would refund the \$3000 to her bank account and cancel the order. She was then told that they accidentally credited her bank account with \$5000 and she needed to get gift cards in the amount of \$2000 and give them the numbers. She and her husband did that.

05.07 Amazon scam; victim needed to return an item he purchased on Amazon. He called a number to arrange the return and it was fake. The people he called requested payment in Target gift cards; \$3000 loss.

05.11 Phone call stating he was a "Washington County Deputy" about failing to appear for a subpoena to testify. Threatened an arrest if she did not pay the \$5060 bond over the phone.

05.12 Phone call from "Federal Agent" said ID found among drugs in Arkansas, threatened arrest, demanded SS# and banking information.

05.13 Zip Recruiter fraud; thieves stole victim's identity and opened an account on Zip Recruiter using her banking information; loss \$5500.

05.13 Publisher Clearing House scam; stated victim won, needed to send \$500 in gift cards.

## **Andover**

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

05.07 8xx 154 Lane NW – kids in the area throwing items at vehicles causing damage

05.11 15xx 1448 Lane NW – outgoing mail stolen from the unsecured mailbox

05.11 30xx 162 Lane NW – catalytic converter cut off work vehicle in the lot

05.11 152xx Hanson Blvd NW – phone stolen from gym area; suspects identified

05.11 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – theft from an unlocked vehicle in parking lot; change, keys

05.11 135xx Jonquil St NW – theft of tools from an unsecured work vehicle; suspects identified

### **Arrests**

05.07 133xx Wren St NW - 3<sup>rd</sup> degree DWI; a caller reported a strange car in his driveway with a male sleeping inside. The deputy arrived and located the vehicle and driver. The driver appeared impaired and was also the subject of a suspicious call earlier in the evening. When the deputy asked for the man's identification, he handed him a bottle of fireball. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested.

05.12 Bunker/RR Tracks – Driving Offense; a deputy ran a plate and it came back to a vehicle that wasn't the vehicle the plates were on. The deputy stopped the driver and learned he had gotten the "plates" out of the trash and didn't have a driver's license. He was arrested.

## **Bethel**

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

## **Columbus**

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

05.12 165xx Kettle River Blvd NE – a vehicle drove through yard, damaging grass and trees

### **Arrests**

05.11 16100 Block Kettle River Blvd NE – 4<sup>th</sup> degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. When he made contact with her, she appeared impaired and alcohol was smelled. She stated she was prescribed medical marijuana. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .10

05.13 153xx Zodiac St NE – Warrant; a neighbor reported yelling and honking horns at the house next door. The deputies arrived and spoke with a male who stated he was having an argument with his girlfriend who had just left. The male was identified and he was found to have a warrant out of Mille Lacs County. He was arrested.

05.13 151xx Lake Dr NE – No Contact Order Violation; a caller reported a verbal domestic happening at a neighbor's home. The deputies arrived and identified the husband and wife involved. The wife had a no-contact order against the husband. He was arrested.

## **East Bethel**

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

05.08 223xx Xylite St NE – damage to mailbox

### **Arrests**

05.10 189xx Breezy Point Dr NE – Domestic; deputies responded to a physical fight between a brother and sister. The sister was arrested.

## **Ham Lake**

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

05.10 9xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – forced entry through front door; vacant property

05.12 135xx Hwy 65 NE – vehicle stolen off a sales lot; keys were not in it

### **Arrests**

05.07 16xx Mankato Circle NE – Warrant Arrest; at the request of the Department of Corrections, deputies went to the location to look for a male who had violated his parole. He was located in a shed and arrested.

05.12 28xx 180 Ave NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a husband/wife domestic. The wife fled prior to deputy's arrival. She was located in a vehicle, stopped, and arrested.

## **Linwood**

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

## **Nowthen**

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

05.10 194xx Cleary Rd NW – vehicle ran over mailbox and hit fence; suspect identified

05.10 216xx Nowthen Blvd NW – illegal dumping on property; chairs, couch, tires

## **Oak Grove**

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

*\*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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