



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 06.25.22

Scams

06.17 I met with the victim and her son who advised me that her son had sent a total of \$420.00 through Zelle for a deposit on a dog. She stated that all communications had been through text message and email with a male claiming to be named Willy Warren. The email address she provided me was Wwarren243432@gmail.com. The physical address that was on the purchase agreement was 172xx State St Park Rapids, MN. She advised her son had found this dog for sale through Facebook and signed the purchase agreement and emailed it to the above email address. Neither she or her son have been able to contact the above male, nor is the male responding back.

06.20 Dispatched a phone call for a scam report. Upon making contact with the victim, he reported that he fell for a scam. He stated that he has been having trouble with his Amazon account. He received a call from an unknown person claiming to be with Amazon. He stated that during the phone call he provided the person with his social security number and sent them a picture of his driver's license. He did not give out any banking information or credit card info. He has already been in contact with his bank and has not found any suspicious activity. I advised him to contact the social security office and file for a fraud alert as well.

06.21 I called and spoke to the reporting party who stated that this morning he was talking to a female on Snapchat who he identified as Kimberly Meeks. During their conversation, he was asked to send her a nude video or picture of himself. He did send her a video and quickly after sending it, the female stated that he needed to send her \$700 or she would release the video to his friends. He continued to speak with Kimberly and he was able to negotiate a price of \$300 now to keep the video from being released. The victim called to ask for advice on how to handle this situation since he obviously does not want the video seen by his friends or family but he also does not want to pay if this is a scam. I advised him that there is no guarantee that if he does pay that the video wouldn't be released anyway and this is a common scam that has been around for some time.

06.22 The female gave her personal information out to the person who called her. She stated that she received an email from who she believed to be Comcast. The email advised her that if she didn't pay her bill that her service would be disconnected. She submitted her all her information to include the answers to her security questions and social security number. She advised me that she already contacted her financial institutions to protect her accounts.

06.22 I spoke further with the victim who stated that he saw, on a Facebook community page, that a man named Paul Tuttle was selling Blue Healer-Corgi puppies. He showed me Facebook messages between his wife and Paul setting up a sale of a puppy for \$100 over Zelle. He stated that his address is 15xxx Tulip St. NW, Andover, MN and when he and his family arrived to collect the dog, they realized that the residence was not his. The victim stated that he would not be able to get the money back, but wanted to have a report made.

06.22 I spoke with the victim and he told me that he sent a picture of his private parts to who he thought was a girl. He told me that after he sent the picture, he was told that if he didn't send \$600 dollars in Apple Gift Cards the picture would be sent to people. The victim told me that he then sent the person \$600 dollars in Apple Gift Cards but they are still asking for more money. The victim had already blocked the user on Instagram and was going to on snapchat as well.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.19 21xx Andover Blvd NW – secured bike stolen from rack; removed front tire to steal bike

06.21 32xx 137 Ave NW – theft of mail; check stolen and cashed by someone else

Arrests

06.18 Hanson/Main St NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy ran a plate and the registered owner came back with a warrant. He stopped the vehicle and confirmed the male's identification. He was arrested.

06.19 141xx Vale St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical fight between a boyfriend/girlfriend. The boyfriend was arrested.

06.19 153xx Xeon St NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies were called to the home to remove an unwanted person. When they arrived, they identified the person and found she had warrants. She was arrested.

06.20 137xx Round Lake Blvd NW – Drugs, DWI Refusal; a caller reported a vehicle almost running her off the road. The deputy located the vehicle and pulled it over for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared high (pin-point pupils and jittery). When the male was identified, he had a KOPS alert on him out of Sibley County. He was arrested. While searching him, cocaine and mushrooms were found in his pockets. A warrant for a blood draw was obtained and the male refused to submit to testing.

06.21 Bunker/Crosstown Blvd NW – 4th degree DWI; a deputy was called to an argument that a Reserve Officer was handling. When he arrived, it appeared one of the people involved who was driving a vehicle was impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male stated he had four beers. He was arrested. .135

06.22 Bunker/Quinn St NW – Warrant Arrest; a call was aired over the radio about a vehicle at a recycling center and the deputy knew the male driving the vehicle had felony warrants. The deputy hung in the area until he observed the driver. He stopped the vehicle and the male was arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.17 137xx Lake Dr NE – vandalism to the natural gas substation

Arrests

06.23 Lake Blvd/Lake St N – Warrant Arrest; a deputy located a vehicle that had fled the State Patrol earlier in the day. The deputy was following the vehicle when it made an abrupt move in a construction zone. He stopped the vehicle. The driver provided a false name and documents. When his true identity was discovered, he had a felony drug warrant out of Scott County. Paraphernalia and meth were also visible in the vehicle. He was arrested.

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.17 183xx Hwy 65 NE – vehicle stolen from the sales lot; keys were in it

06.18 40xx Viking Blvd NE – enclosed trailer stolen from the campground

Arrests

06.21 Hwy 65/221 Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a vehicle for having a broken taillight. When he identified the occupants of the vehicle, the passenger had a felony warrant. He was arrested.

06.23 181xx Hwy 65 NE – No Contact Order Violation; a woman reported a male who she has a no contact order against was at the location. Deputies arrived and he was arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.18 165xx Rockney St NE – pry marks on garage service door; no entry made

06.21 152xx Jefferson St NE – theft from an unlocked vehicle in the driveway; wallet, gun

06.23 143xx Bataan St NE – outgoing mail from unsecured mailbox stolen

Arrests

06.18 Hwy 65/157 Ave NE – Drugs; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 86/65 and observed the back tire of the vehicle was destroyed and sparks were flying from the rim. When contact was made with the driver, a bubble pipe was in plain view. The driver was removed from the vehicle, and it was searched. Meth, paraphernalia, and items commonly used to sell drugs were found. She was arrested.

06.19 15xx 175 Lane NE – 3rd degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver because he was driving into oncoming traffic. The driver appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. Charges were elevated due to a prior DWI. He was arrested. .12

06.20 155xx Central Ave NE – No Contact Order Violation, Warrant; deputies went to the location because they had information a male with a warrant was there. When they arrived, the female that answered the door said he wasn't there. The house was searched and the male was located hiding under a bed. There was also a no contact order issued between the male and female. The male was arrested.

06.22 4xx Wildwood Dr NE – Disorderly Conduct; deputies were called to a domestic between family members. A male was arrested.

Linwood

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.20 75xx 242 Av NE – theft of mail; birthday card with money in it taken

06.23 228xx Typo Creed Dr NE – vandalism at the skate park

Nowthen

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

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.20 33xx 181 Ave NW – vandalism to mailbox

Arrests

06.18 Viking/Lake George Blvd NW – 4th degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. When he made contact with the driver, he appeared impaired and the deputy could smell alcohol. The driver stated he had one beer. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .14

**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.