



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

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 07.01.22**

### **Scams**

06.26 I spoke with the manager of the fast-food restaurant. He reported that at around 5:12pm on 6/26, the store received a call. One of his new employees answered the phone and spoke with the caller. The caller reported that they were with the company and needed to reduce the amount of cash inside the store. They instructed the employee to take cash from the store, go to the customer service area inside Walmart and turn the cash into gift cards. The employee did this. The caller then instructed the employee to send the gift card codes to them. The manager later learned of this and reported a \$466 loss to restaurant.

06.27 I spoke with the complainant who said on 06/23/2022 or 06/22/2022 he received an email stating he owed a Paypal balance of \$480. The victim called Paypal and the person on the other line told him he would be in touch with him. On 06/24/2022, he received a call regarding the outstanding balance and the person claimed the victim was being watched by China and Russia and made him believe he would lose all of his savings if he did not comply with the directions given over the phone. The victim was coerced into going to Target in Forest Lake, MN where he purchased two \$500 gift cards and read the gift card number over the phone to the scammer. The victim said he learned it was a scam when he told family members about the incident. He notified his bank and all other proper authorities.

### **Andover**

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

06.27 152xx Hanson Blvd NW – theft from a locker; keys, wallet

06.28 29xx 142 Ave NW – tire on a vehicle parked in the driveway was slashed; on video

### **Arrests**

06.25 Round Lake/161 Ave NW – 3<sup>rd</sup> degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for blowing through a 4-way stop. When the deputy made contact with the driver he smelled alcohol. The driver stated he had four beers. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .173

### **Bethel**

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

### **Columbus**

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

06.25 152xx Zurich St NE – theft from an unsecured vehicle; GPS – suspect identified

### **East Bethel**

#### **Burglaries**

06.26 234xx Hwy 65 NE – two males entered the home and stole money

## **Arrests**

06.26 182xx Greenbrook Dr NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a mother/daughter domestic. The mother was arrested.

06.27 18400 Block Lexington Ave NE – DWI Refusal; a caller reported a vehicle going 10 mph and driving into oncoming traffic. A deputy located the vehicle and stopped the driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared impaired and stated he had a “little bit” to drink. There were two children in the vehicle. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He refused to submit to a breath test. He was arrested.

## **Ham Lake**

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

06.26 12xx 135 Lane NE – vehicle stolen out of a garage; keys were in it - purse, cash

06.28 Baltimore/147 Ave NE – hole cut in the security fence, work vehicle rummaged through

06.29 17xx Crosstown Blvd NE- theft from unlocked vehicle; stereo, battery, AC unit, subwoofer

06.30 163xx Hwy 65 NE – theft of a U-Haul trailer from the business; captured on camera

## **Arrests**

06.28 171xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male hiding behind a building who he knew had a felony warrant. The deputy got within reach of the suspect and advised he was under arrest. The male fought. He was eventually arrested. While searching his backpack prior to being taken to jail, a loaded handgun was located.

06.28 154xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went to the location because he had information that a male with a felony warrant was there. The deputy located the male and he was arrested.

## **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**

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

06.25 18xx 191 Ave NW – vandalism; windows on a vehicle parked at the location were broken

*\*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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