



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 07.09.21

Last week we were called to a home where people passing by heard a male yelling for help. When deputies arrived, they saw a male laying on the floor and were able to force their way into the home. The male had fallen and could not get up; he stated he had been laying there for three to four days.

There are many people who don't have anyone who would notice if they haven't been around for a few days. I would like to suggest, even if you are not close or even neighborly, if you have a person living in your neighborhood that doesn't get a lot of company, or have any family in the area, that you just check-in on them regularly. This seems like it would be so easy and could really make a person feel valued, and possibly save their life.

Scams

07.02 Victim received a phone call from someone claiming to be from Wells Fargo fraud department stating there was suspicious activity on his account. The victim had a Wells Fargo account. To "reverse" the fraud amounts, the victim was sent a text with a code that he needed to provide to the fraud department and the charges would be reversed. It was scammers; \$35K was stolen from the account.

07.06 Phone call claiming to be a "law enforcement official" investigating drug crimes and stated the victim is a suspect and began asking the victim for his personal information.

07.07 Phone call claiming to be from "Amazon Security Fraud" department; they stated the victim's account may have been hacked and an iPhone was ordered. Asked for credit card information.

07.08 Phone call claiming to be from the Sheriff's Office stating we were attempting to collect debt from him and he would be arrested if he did not comply.

Andover

Burglaries

07.03 138xx Silverod Ct NW – garage door accidentally left open; entered home, stole gun

07.06 160xx Swallow St NW – unsecured garage; tools, trailer parked outside

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.02 158xx 7 Ave NW – illegal dumping at the location; mattresses

07.03 180xx Verdin St NW – porta potty and garbage can at park set on fire

07.06 137xx Round Lake Blvd NW – vandalism; threats written on glass door

07.06 33xx 176 Lane NW – tabs stolen off license plates

Bethel

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

Columbus

Burglaries

07.07 88xx Broadway Ave NE – side window broke, reached in to unlock door, daytime; jewelry

Arrests

07.02 Lake Dr/Zurich St NE – Controlled Substance; a deputy tried to stop a male on a motorcycle who he knew to have a warrant. The male tried to evade the deputy but was eventually taken into custody in a parking lot. While evading the deputy, according to witnesses, the passenger on the motorcycle threw a saddle bag into the weeds. The bag was found by witnesses and contained meth, scales, and other paraphernalia. The driver was arrested.

07.07 35W/Lake Dr NE – Controlled Substance Possession; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. When he made contact with the driver, he appeared anxious and so did his three passengers – all who claimed they did not know each other. Due to the odd circumstances a K9 came to sniff the vehicle and occupants. Meth was found on of the passengers; funny enough, he was the one at the scene claiming the deputies were harassing them. He was arrested.

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.02 Hwy 65/221st Ave NE – two kayaks that fell off a trailer were stolen from the side of the road

07.07 224xx 7 St NE – license plate stolen from a vehicle

07.08 37xx 221 Ave NE – bullet hole found in home; entered lower living room

Arrests

07.06 237xx Hwy 65 NE – Drugs, Warrant; a deputy stopped a driver because he knew he didn't have a driver's license. When verifying the identity of the driver, drugs were seen by the deputy. The passenger was also identified and she lied about her identity. Once it was discovered, she had a warrant. When the passenger was being searched prior to being put into a squad, a large amount of meth was found in her bra. Both went to jail.

07.07 243xx Hwy 65 NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical fight between family members. One person was arrested.

Ham Lake

Burglaries

07.02 21xx 169 Ave NE – garage door kicked in; mowers, appliances

07.05 163xx Taconite St NE – used garage door opener in unlocked vehicle; welders, tools, chainsaw

07.08 173xx Hwy 65 NE – forced side door; broke items and sprayed a fire extinguisher

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.05 169xx Baltimore St NE – lock cut on gate at business; nothing taken

07.05 149xx Durant St NE – fireworks set off in a mailbox causing damage

07.05 48xx 170 Lane NE – fireworks set off in a mailbox causing damage

07.06 164xx Aberdeen St NE – scrap metal stolen from a business recycling bin

07.07 152xx Central Ave NE – catalytic converter cut off a work vehicle parked at a business

07.08 37xx 155 Ave NE – vandalism to multiple vehicles parked at location; dents, smashed windows

Arrests

07.03 157/Hwy 65 NE – DWI; while a Reserve Deputy was directing traffic at an event, his squad was hit by another driver. Being the incident involved one of our squads, the State Patrol was called to the scene to investigate. The driver of the vehicle that hit the squad was arrested by the State Patrol for a DWI.

07.06 137xx Johnson St NE – Drugs; a deputy was called to a male sleeping in a truck. The male appeared to be passed out and not responding. He finally woke up and while determining if it was a medical, meth and paraphernalia were located. He was arrested.

Linwood

Arrests

07.05 226xx Feather St NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went to the location to look for a male with a warrant. The male was located working in the yard and he was told he was under arrest. The male asked if he could get his phone and clean up. The deputy said yes and followed him into the house where the male tried to escape the deputy. He was caught, placed in handcuffs, and arrested.

Nowthen

Arrests

07.02 19800 Block Nowthen Blvd NW – 4th degree DWI; a deputy stopped a motorcycle because the headlight was not working, and it was dark. The driver appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .115

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.03 211xx Quay St NW – a mailbox was vandalized
07.05 219xx Woodbine St NW – illegal dumping; tires

Arrests

07.05 219xx Quay St NW – Domestic; deputies responded to a mother/son domestic. The son was arrested.

07.08.2021 21xx 221 Ave NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies responded to a roll-over vehicle crash. The driver had left the scene and blood was located. In an effort to confirm the driver was okay, deputies searched the area. They also went to the registered owner's home. The owner's girlfriend claimed he wasn't there, but he was eventually located hiding in the house. He smelled of alcohol and stated he wasn't driving. When his identity was confirmed, he was found to have a warrant. He 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.