



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 07.16.21

On July 9th there was a concerning incident in Ham Lake. A daughter called to report that her elderly father had a taller, unknown male come to his house and he said he was with Xfinity. The male was very pushy and may have wanted to enter the home. The male eventually left in an unknown type of vehicle. The daughter called Xfinity who informed her that they did not have any door-to-door salespeople in the area and Xfinity requested the daughter contact our office and file a report.

Scams

07.10 Victim was on her computer and she followed a link and got a virus. The victim was prompted to call a number that claimed to be Microsoft repair. She spoke with a male who said he was Peter Gill. The male requested the victim send a photo of her checking debit card to verify her identity. The victim sent the picture and later discovered that her card was used for two unauthorized transactions: one for \$300, another for \$21 to a Dante Reid.

07.10, 07.12 Victims received a call from "Connexus" saying they owed money for an unpaid bill. The victims thought it may be a scam and hung up.

07.13 Victim reported that earlier in the day, her husband had been contacted via phone by an individual claiming to be employed by the Social Security Administration. The individual called from the phone number 1 915 237 9343. This individual began to ask her husband questions about his finances and indicate that he was the subject of a criminal investigation and that his identity may have been stolen. The individual advised the victim that if he failed to comply with their instructions, he would be arrested. The individual then instructed the victim to purchase \$2500 in gift cards for various retailer's and provide the gift card information to them. The victim complied with their request.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.10 152xx Raven St NW – theft from unlocked vehicle on street; golf clubs, airpods, keys

07.10 19xx Crosstown Blvd NW – vehicle parked at Fun Fest was damaged

Arrests

07.11 16200 Block 7th Ave NW – DWI; a deputy was trying to locate a vehicle that was called in as a possible drunk driver. While the deputy was looking for the vehicle, he came around a curve and was almost hit head-on by the vehicle he was looking for. He was able to stop the driver. She appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed; she was arrested. .128

07.12 133xx Hanson Blvd NW – Harassment; deputies were called to our parking lot because an employer parked in our lot because he was being followed by a former employee for over an hour in

his vehicle. Deputies arrived and investigated the situation; the employee was arrested for harassment.

07.13 Hanson/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – 2nd degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver after passing the deputy at a high rate of speed (96 mph). It took quite a while for the driver to stop for the deputy. He advised he didn't see him; the driver appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .22 Charges were elevated due to a prior DWI conviction.

07.14 Bunker/Round Lake Blvd NW – Fleeing, DWI; a deputy attempted to stop the driver of a motorcycle for poor driving conduct and speeding (70/50). The motorcycle fled, running stop lights and signs. The pursuit was cancelled for safety reasons; however, the deputies searched the neighborhood and located the cycle and driver in a driveway. The driver appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .23

07.14 Bunker Lake/Crosstown Blvd NW – 3rd degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 70/50. When he made contact with the driver, the driver told him he didn't have a driver's license and the male appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .12

Bethel

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

Columbus

Arrests

07.16 153xx W Freeway Dr NE – Fleeing in MV; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. When he made contact with the driver, she appeared anxious, agitated and confused. She could not provide a license, proof of ownership, or insurance. Due to the circumstances, a K9 was called to sniff the vehicle. When the deputy told her that, she fled the scene in the vehicle. A pursuit was not initiated because she had been identified. She was eventually located in Forest Lake and arrested.

East Bethel

Arrests

07.10 241xx Skylark Dr NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy attempted to stop a driver because he knew he had two warrants. The vehicle kept driving and pulled in a driveway. The male exited the vehicle and fled into the house. The deputy chased him, and he was arrested.

07.13 23100 Block Gopher Dr NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male in a vehicle and he knew he had a warrant. He stopped the driver and arrested him.

07.15 184xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant (x2); a caller reported a suspicious vehicle in a business parking lot. The deputy located the vehicle and it appeared a male and female were working on the car. The deputy stopped and offered assistance. When the male and female were identified, they both had warrants. They were arrested.

Ham Lake

Burglaries

07.09 16xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – no forced entry observed; rooms rummaged, jewelry

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.12 12xx 143 Ave NE – stolen vehicle recovered at the location

07.13 142xx Hwy 65 NE – items from a boat parked in a secured storage facility stolen

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07.15 146xx Hwy 65 NE – catalytic converter cut off a work vehicle at the location

Arrests

07.09 14xx Constance Blvd NE – DWI Refusal; deputies were called to a parking lot to check on a female who was acting erratic and dancing around a business. When they were on their way, it was learned the vehicle she arrived in was stolen. When they made contact with her, she became agitated and uncooperative. Meth was located on the woman, and with her behavior, deputies were afraid she may be overdosing. An ambulance was called to the scene. She was checked out and determined to be okay. A warrant was obtained for a blood draw because she drove to the location. She was transported to the hospital per the warrant, but she refused. She was taken to jail.

07.11 135/Central Ave NE – Controlled Substance Possession; a deputy stopped out with a vehicle that was parked in the parking lot of a closed business. When he made contact with the driver, he stated he was having car problems. The deputy assisted but found no problems. Due to suspicious activity and behavior, a K9 sniffed the vehicle. Meth was found. He was arrested.

Linwood

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.12 224xx E Martin Lake Dr NE – vehicle window smashed at boat launch; nothing taken

Nowthen

Arrests

07.09 21100 Block St Francis Blvd NW – Cancelled, Inimical to Public Safety; a deputy stopped a driver because he knew he didn't have a driver's license. The driver was arrested.

07.10 81xx 185 Ave NW – 2nd degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. When he made contact with her, he smelled alcohol. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .322 Charges were elevated due to a prior DWI and alcohol content.

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.10 202xx Killdeer St NW – juveniles disturbing in the area; ding-dong-ditch

Arrests

07.11 186xx Lake George Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; on routine patrol a deputy observed a female outside who he knew had a couple of warrants. He stopped, told her she was under arrest and she was arrested without incident.

**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.