



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

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 07.22.22**

### **Scams**

07.15 The victim reported that she replied to a job posting on Facebook Marketplace last week. The job was for a data entry position that works from home. A representative from the company, Addepar, actually interviewed and hired her remotely. She became suspicious when they wanted her social security number and emailed her a check to be deposited in her banking account. The check was supposedly for equipment she would be purchasing. She did provide her social security number but did not deposit the check. I advised her to not give any more sensitive information and to contact the three major credit bureaus for a fraud alert.

07.20 The victim stated that he's been contacted by female named Sharay Williams and her attorney Mike Roll via Facebook Messenger about cashing two checks for them. This contact has been active for two months. The victim stated his bank said the checks were fraudulent and wouldn't cash them. The victim was advised to call the police and report the scam. The victim did send the suspect a picture of his driver's license and Veteran Affairs card. I advised him to contact his financial institutions and consult with them on how to protect his credit and finances.

07.21 The victim stated that she and her husband ordered a Traeger Smoker Grill from online for \$148.00 on 05/22/2022. She stated they bought it from a female names Stephanie Kelly and paid through a PayPal link. The victim stated she was given a tracking number but when she went to the post office, they told her it was a for a four-ounce package and not a grill. It also showed that it was delivered to a different address on 05/28/2022. The victim stated that there was a return address of 1460 Garden of the Gods Rd, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80907. I looked up the address and it was listed as a Good Will. I called the location to see if an employee named Stephanie worked there and they told me no.

### **Andover**

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

07.17 22xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – cart intentionally pushed into a vehicle; 4 juveniles identified

07.19 14xx 146 Ave NW – catalytic converter cut off an RV at the location

07.20 16xx Crosstown Blvd NW – illegal dumping at the recycling center

07.21 150xx Raven St NW – damage to garage door; two juveniles kicked it, caught on video

#### **Arrests**

07.17 143xx Woodbine St NW – DWI/Drugs; a deputy was called to a male slumped over the wheel. When he arrived, he observed the driver with a needle sticking out of his arm. The vehicle was running. The male was removed from the vehicle and the contents of the needle tested positive for heroin. A warrant for blood was obtained and he was arrested.

07.17 Round Lake/S Coon Creek Dr NW – Drugs, Traffic; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. It took a long time for the vehicle to stop. When he made contact with her, she stated she didn't see him trying to pull her over because she was on her phone. While writing her a ticket for the cell phone, the deputy received information that the female was bragging that she was being

pulled over and the cop hadn't found drugs that she was hiding in her bra. A female deputy was called to the scene and the driver was searched. Drugs were found and she was arrested.

## **Bethel**

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

## **Columbus**

### **Burglaries**

07.16 92xx Lake Dr NE – business; entered through unlocked door – motorcycle stolen

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

07.19 160xx W Freeway Dr NE – a stolen vehicle out of Ramsey Co. was located on a trail

## **East Bethel**

### **Arrests**

07.17 17xx Viking Blvd NE – Disorderly Conduct; a business reported a male yelling and threatening employees. A deputy arrived and located the male who appeared drunk. He became belligerent and threatened the deputy. He was arrested.

07.19 237 Ave/Hwy 6 NE – No Driver's License; a deputy ran a plate and the driver matched the description of a male who the registered owner had an order for protection against. The driver was identified and was not the correct male. However, the driver did not have a driver's license and he was arrested.

07.19 Sims Rd/Van Buren St NE – 2<sup>nd</sup> degree DWI; a caller reported a vehicle all over the road. A deputy located that vehicle and observed poor driving conduct and pulled it over. The driver appeared impaired; he stated he did not have anything to drink. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .222

## **Ham Lake**

### **Burglaries**

07.21 22xx Crosstown Blvd NE – forced entry to detached garage; 4-wheelers, dirt bikes

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

07.15 43xx 167 Ave NE – two Amazon packages stolen from the mailbox

## **Linwood**

### **Arrests**

07.15 18xx 153 Ave NE – Drugs, Warrants; an employee reported a male passed out in his vehicle at the park. A deputy made contact with the male, who when asked what he was doing said he was "getting high". When asked what drug he was using, he said "meth". The deputy also observed multiple needs in the vehicle. The male was arrested. He also had warrants.

07.19 80xx 242 Ave NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a domestic between a mother and her son. The son was arrested.

## **Nowthen**

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

## **Oak Grove**

### **Burglaries**

07.16 212xx Yellow Pine St NW – door pried at business; cash, ball dispenser

### **Arrests**

07.15 32xx Viking Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; a caller requested a deputy check on two people sitting next to a dumpster at the business who appeared high and there was a gun sitting between them. The deputy arrived and attempted to identify the male and female. The male lied about who he was because he had warrants. Eventually his identity was revealed, and he was arrested. The gun was a pellet gun.

07.19 28xx 199 Ave NW – No Contact Order Violation; deputies were called to an obnoxious intoxicated male at the location. When they arrived, they realized the woman on scene had a no contact order against the male. 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.*

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