



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 08.05.22

Scams

07.29 I made contact with the victim who stated that she got a request from someone claiming to be from the post office to give information about a package. They asked for her social security number and date of birth which she gave to them. When they asked for her credit card number she thought maybe it was a scam. She stated she called the post office and they stated it was a scam. I advised her to report this with the social security office and I would document the incident.

07.29 A caller reported a suspicious phone call she received from 612-268-3431 where a female with an accent was crying for help. She stated then a male claiming to be a police officer, David Roberts badge number 5921, came on the line and stated everything was okay and hung up.

08.01 GREAT JOB BY THE BANK EMPLOYEE! An employee at Falcon National Bank contacted us. She has been working with a customer for several weeks and suspects she is the victim of fraud. The woman denied that she was the victim of and believed everything she was doing with her money was for a good cause. Eventually, the victim came to the realization that this was a fraud. The employee requested the Sheriff's Office responded to speak with the victim. Today the victim came in with \$17,000 in cash that was mailed to her from a Ms. DD, in KY. The victim was requesting a cashier's check with the cash but the employee at the bank would not complete the transaction as she believed it was a part of this scam. The deputy spoke to the victim and found out she had met a person by the name of DL via Facebook Messenger in 2014. She began to message and speak with DL but has never met him in person. Via Facebook Messenger, DL established a relationship with the victim, he sent her flowers and continued with the relationship telling her he loved her. She believed DL was truly in love with her so when he began to ask for financial assistance she believed it was for a good cause. Over 8 years she has been sending money via gift cards and cryptocurrency. She has taken out numerous personal loans to send money. At this time I do not have a total amount but the number is in the high thousands. In the past 120 days, the employee could see the victim's bank account had \$32,464 worth of transactions involving this fraud. The victim said all of these transactions were authorized by her but they involved DL. During our time at the bank, DL called several times.

08.02 ANOTHER GREAT JOB BY THE TARGET EMPLOYEE! The victim stated she received an email from Geek Squad thanking her for her payment. She stated she did not make a payment so she contacted the phone number on the email. She spoke to someone who said she had been paying for the service she did not use for two years and wanted to refund the money to her. The victim stated the person said they would give her 1000.00 dollars back and asked for the last four of her checking account number. The victim stated she filled some paperwork out and the person was allowed into her computer somehow. She stated the person entered 10,000 dollars instead of 1000.00. The victim was instructed to go to Target to get gift cards to pay the money back. She stated that she was instructed to keep the person on the phone while she went to Target and while she made the transaction. The victim stated the person on the phone threatened that if she does not do as she is told her bank account would be locked and she would lose the money. She told the cashier she needed four 500.00 dollar gift cards. The cashier told her she is not able to sell four five-hundred-dollar gift cards to her. The cashier then inquired if she is being told to make the transactions and got the victim's bank on the phone. The phone call was terminated, and the 10000.00 dollars that was pending in the victim's account was able to be stopped by her bank.

08.03 I met with the victim who stated she is a student at Wisconsin La Crosse. She received an email purportedly from a worker at the University in Career Services. The email included a link to a document that was made using Google Docs and claimed to be from a "Dr. Arnold," the doctor worked in the area and needed assistance with general office tasks including disbursing funds to various charities. The victim notified the sender of her interest in the position and the next day received notice that she was hired. A scanned image of the front and back of check arrived in her inbox with instructions to deposit it her account and send \$500 of the amount via Apple Pay to an organization. Upon completing that task, she was instructed to send another \$500 to another organization/person. She did not have access to the rest of the funds on the check, and so she refused. She then got texts from three different numbers, one of them threatening to send "thugs" after her. She did provide the unknown person(s) with her school address. Huntington Bank is investigating the fraud that the victim reported to them. The check is not a valid check. She doesn't know if she will be reimbursed the \$500 lost. I spoke with her about placing a fraud alert on her credit report but the suspect did not get her SS number.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

08.01 25xx S Coon Creek Dr NW – theft from an unlocked vehicle; checkbook from center console

Arrests

07.29 13xxx Palm St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend fight. The boyfriend was arrested.

07.30 153xx Xeon St NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies went to the location looking for a female with a warrant. Her mother stated she was not there and allowed to let the deputies search the home. The female was located hiding in the shower. She was arrested.

08.03 Bunker Lake/Round Lake Blvd NW – 3rd degree DWI; a Community Service Officer radioed a deputy because he was following a vehicle and it hit a guard rail. The deputy was about to pull over the vehicle when it hit another car. The driver appeared impaired and could not get out of the car; she stated she had one drink. Field sobriety tests couldn't be completed but she PBT'd .19. The woman was brought to the hospital and a warrant for legal blood was obtained. She will be charged upon results. Charges were elevated due to a prior DWI in 2019.

08.04 158xx Xenia St NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies responded to the location because and ex-boyfriend was harassing an ex-girlfriend. When they arrived, they discovered the ex-boyfriend had a warrant and he was arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

08.01 74xx Camp 3 Rd NE – multiple tools stolen from a construction site

Arrests

08.03 152xx Zurich St NE – Warrant; deputies received information that a male was at the location and he had a felony DOC warrant. They located the male and he was arrested.

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

08.04 217xx Tyler St NE – vandalism; tire on vehicle in the driveway punctured

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

08.01 18xx 153 Ave NE – porta-potty at the park set on fire

08.02 163XX Hwy 65 NE – theft of a license plate from a vehicle parked at the business

Arrests

07.31 Hwy 65/Andover Blvd NE - Warrant Arrest; a deputy ran a plate and it came back suspended registration status. He stopped the driver who stated she couldn't find her license or insurance information. When running her name, she had a warrant out of Pine County. She was arrested.

08.01 134xx Hwy 65 NE - Warrant Arrest; a deputy ran a plate and the owner came back with a warrant. The deputy located the male inside the business and he was arrested.

08.01 23xx 149 Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; a caller reported a male sitting on a curb rocking back and forth and requested we check his welfare. The deputy arrived and the male appeared high. He was identified and found to have a warrant out of Ramsey County. He was arrested. He stated he ate a bunch of meth and requested to go to the hospital.

08.05 17300 Block Hwy 65 NE – Drugs/Warrants/Traffic; a deputy stopped a driver for not having license plates. She lied about her identity and the deputy observed a bag of meth in her hands that she was trying to conceal. Eventually her identity was figured out and she had two warrants. She was arrested.

Linwood

Burglaries

08.02 227xx Boyne St NE – entered unsecured window; damaged fish tank, misc. items stolen

Arrests

08.04 217xx Viking Blvd NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a father/son fight. The son was arrested.

Nowthen

Arrests

08.04 51xx Norris Lake Rd NW - 4th degree DWI; deputies responded to a single vehicle crash and the vehicle was on its roof in a swamp. When they located the vehicle, they pulled the driver out and observed multiple empty beer cans. When the driver was asked how much he had to drink, he stated "too much." Due to his injuries field sobriety tests couldn't be done. A warrant for blood was obtained and charges are pending the results.

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

08.05 190xx Blackfoot St NW – trees damaged by UTV at the park

Arrests

07.29 215xx Rum River Blvd NW – DWI; deputies responded to a multiple car crash. The caller reported that the woman responsible for the crash was attempting to leave. The deputies arrived and located her. She appeared impaired; she stated she had a glass of champagne. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She 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.