



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

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 08.06.21**

We no longer report "Identity Thefts" in this report, only because they are so common. However, we have seen more incidents of identity theft recently. This is where someone steals your identity – it is typically bought off the dark-web by criminals – and they open accounts in your name and accrue large amounts of debt. There are some things you can do to help protect yourself, but when there is a data breach at a company that holds this type of information, there is nothing you can do. One thing you can do is to check your credit report and see if there are any accounts opened in your name that you are not aware of. Find out how to get a copy of your credit report here:

<https://www.ftc.gov/faq/consumer-protection/get-my-free-credit-report>

### **Scams**

There were four reports of victim's identity stolen to file for MN Unemployment benefits.

08.01 App called "Hoop" – victim was blackmailed for inappropriate photos; loss was \$1500.

08.02 Victim received a call from the IRS demanding \$10K, claiming he was behind on taxes. The victim paid that amount and then the person demanded another \$35K otherwise he threatened to take the victim's house.

08.02 Victim was in Google Hangout and sent an inappropriate photo. A female blackmailed the victim requesting \$1000 be sent via Paypal or Google gift card. No financial loss because he told his mom before sending money.

### **Andover**

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

08.01 159xx Linnet St NW – ding-dong-ditch being conducted in the area

08.04 5xx 155 Ave NW – two tires on a vehicle parked in the driveway were slashed

08.04 159xx Linnet St NW – juveniles in the area disturbing with ding-dong-ditch

08.05 152xx Bluebird St NW – car in a parking lot was damaged by a rock thrown by juveniles

#### **Arrests**

07.31 26xx 138 Ave NW – Warrant Arrests; callers reported a male running around the area making threats to neighbors. Deputies arrived and located the male. He had a warrant. He was arrested.

08.01 137xx Round Lake Blvd NW – Disorderly Conduct; a caller reported a disorderly male banging on a drive-thru window and harassing customers. Deputies arrived and the male appeared impaired; this was the third call that day regarding the male. He was arrested.

## Bethel

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

## Columbus

### Thefts & Damage to Property

07.30 54xx 193 Ave NE – catalytic converter cut off vehicle at boat launch

08.02 188xx Lexington Ave NE – catalytic converter cut off RV parked at the location

08.05 178xx Kettle River Blvd NE – glass on front door smashed; no entry made

## East Bethel

### Burglaries

08.03 193xx Able St NE – burglar used garage door opener in an unlocked vehicle to open the garage door which woke up victims. They ran downstairs and observed a red four-door passenger vehicle flee. Nothing was taken because the thieves were scared off. Multiple incidents of thefts – or attempted thefts - from vehicles in this area.

### Thefts & Damage to Property

08.03 193xx Able St NE – theft from unlocked vehicle; backpack, passport

08.03 193xx Able St NE – door ajar on vehicle, it was rummaged through, nothing taken

### Arrests

08.05 13xx 187 Lane NE – Assault; deputies responded to a call of a female chasing a male around a parking lot, trying to hit him with a shovel. The suspect and victim had been in a vehicle together. Once the situation was sorted out, the woman claimed the man was trying to “rob” her by not giving her the money back that she gave him. She wasn’t arrested but was issued a citation.

## Ham Lake

### Burglaries

07.30 142xx Hwy 65 NE – Business; entered through ceiling of storage unit, stole tools

08.02 180xx Fillmore St NE – attempted; victim was out-of-town, front door and frame looked to be kick/dented. No entry made.

### Thefts & Damage to Property

08.02 134xx Hwy 65 NE – Stolen Vehicle; on routine patrol a deputy ran a license plate and the vehicle came back stolen out of Orono. The deputy waited to see who entered it. Eventually a female went to sit in the driver’s seat. She was arrested. Meth was located in the vehicle.

### Arrests

08.03 138xx Aberdeen St NE – Drugs; a caller reported a male living in the woods behind the location. The deputy went to the area and located the man sleeping. He woke him up and asked if he needed help. When speaking with the man the deputy observed 2 glass pipes and meth. He was arrested.

08.05 133xx London St NE – Warrant Arrest; deputies responded to a call of two women fighting. When they arrived, they stopped the fight and identified the suspects. One had a warrant so she was arrested.

## **Linwood**

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

08.01 Lyons/E Viking Blvd – bottle thrown at vehicle while driving, shattered windshield

08.04 215xx Humber St NE – mail and amazon package stolen out of a mailbox

## **Nowthen**

### **Burglaries**

07.31 199xx Iguana St NW – Business; lock cut off storage units (x2) – speakers, computer

## **Oak Grove**

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

07.30 32xx 184 Lane NW – theft of license plate from a vehicle in the driveway

*\*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](http://www.anokacounty.us/crimewatch) and click on Crime Statistics on the left side. Stats are updated monthly.*