



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

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 08.13.21**

Life is difficult sometimes and often we don't know what to do. I am happy this woman felt comfortable enough to reach out to a deputy because there really was no one else.

On 08/06/2021 I responded to the location for a report of a medical alarm activation from a pendant with no response. Upon my arrival, I made contact with an elderly female who said she did not need medical attention. She said she was having phone problems and was not able to call anybody, so she was afraid. I assisted her with getting her phones working. She also used my cell phone to call a friend who came to assist.

### **Scams**

08.06 Victim selling a vehicle on Craigslist; suspect said he lived in Indiana and he sent a fake cashier's check for too much money and requested the victim send back the extra. The bank teller alerted him the check was a fake.

08.09 Victim received a phone call from Verizon stating that he recently purchased two cell phones for \$1000 apiece. The victim said he did not make the purchase and worked with the caller to "clear" up the mistake – which required providing his banking number. Loss \$170

08.09 This is a new one and happened at a business. On 8/9/21, the complainant stated she was helping a customer with a return when the business phone rang with an unknown male on the other side. This male told the complainant she needed to do some register updates to fix the issues she stated they had been having all night. She stated she did not think twice about it when it happened because the male claimed he was with the Emergency Response Center, which handles all of their IT issues. The complainant stated she did all of the things this unknown male asked of her, then later learned that she had assisted him in accessing \$629, which was sent to somewhere in Nevada. The complainant stated they had been having problems with register #1 and this is what the male asked her to use when claiming to help her solve the issues today. The money transfer appeared to originate from a Samuel Smith in Alabaster, Alabama.

08.10 Victim received a call stating he had won a brand new Mercedes. To claim the prize he needed to put \$2000 on a "Serve" cash card and provide the caller with the card number. The money was for taxes and license fees. The victim complied; loss \$2K.

08.10 The victim received an email indicating a computer would be delivered tomorrow. He called the number provided and spoke to "customer service." The victim allowed the other party to access his computer remotely at which point they accessed his banking account. He also provided his social security and driver's license number. When he realized it may be a scam, he unplugged the computer. He contacted his bank realized three of his four bank accounts had been cleared out.

08.10 Victim was attempting to purchase tickets to a concert on Craigslist. The victim used Venmo to send \$200 for the tickets and the seller was supposed to email her the tickets. That never happened.

## **Andover**

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

08.10 35xx 161 Ave NW – porta-potties in the park tipped over

08.12 162xx Makah St NW – vehicle in the driveway shot with a pellet or BB gun

### **Arrests**

08.07 1300 Block 148<sup>th</sup> Lane NW – 3<sup>rd</sup> degree DWI; a deputy observed a vehicle speeding and blowing a stop sign. He stopped the driver and when the deputy made contact, there was an open White Claw on the floor and the driver appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The driver insisted that he had not been drinking. He was arrested. .16 The passenger in the car was issued a citation for underage drinking.

08.10 2800 Block 161 Ave NW – 4<sup>th</sup> degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared impaired and smelled of alcohol. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .164

## **Bethel**

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

## **Columbus**

### **Arrests**

08.09 94xx Lake Dr NE – Warrant Arrest; deputies were called to the location after a male approached an ambulance crew asking they remove his cast. When the deputy arrived and identified the male, he had warrants. He was taken to the hospital to have the cast removed and then to jail.

## **East Bethel**

### **Arrests**

08.09 4000 Block of Viking Blvd NE – Warrant Arrest; a male called because he had severe leg pain. When deputies arrived, he refused medical care. He was identified and it was found out he had multiple out-of-county warrants. He was arrested.

08.10 181xx Hwy 65 NE – Traffic; a deputy stopped a vehicle because it was displaying white lights on its rear bumper and it had a fake license plate on it. The male in the vehicle is known to deputies and claims sovereign citizenship. After investigating he was arrested due to prior warnings. Marijuana was also found in the vehicle.

08.11 35xx 190 Ave NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a call from a neighbor about a domestic assault between a husband/wife that was happening. When they arrived, they located the husband who was driving around the yard in his vehicle and refusing to stop. Eventually he was stopped and removed from the vehicle. After speaking with the wife, the husband was arrested.

## **Ham Lake**

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

08.10 157xx Central Ave NE – scrap metal being stolen out of a dumpster; suspect identified

## **Arrests**

08.06 18xx 153 Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; on routine patrol a deputy observed a vehicle in a park after it was closed. The deputy located a male and female; when they were identified, the female had a warrant. She was arrested.

08.07 Hwy 65/Constance Blvd NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a truck for having a taillight out. The driver was identified and found to have a warrant. He was arrested.

## **Linwood**

### **Arrests**

08.10 Viking/217 Ave NE – 4<sup>th</sup> degree DWI; deputies responded to a single vehicle crash with injuries. When they arrived and made contact with the driver he appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests weren't conducted because he was being checked out by medical personal, but he PBT'd .112. He was arrested after being cleared by paramedics.

## **Nowthen**

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

08.06 53xx 199 Ave NW – catalytic converter cut off vehicle at the business

### **Arrests**

08.12 80xx Viking Blvd NW – Stolen Vehicle; a deputy stopped a driver because he was pulling a trailer and the items on the trailer were not secured, and the items on the trailer were too heavy for the trailer itself. When making contact with the driver, he did not have a DL, but he did have warrants. The deputy also learned the vehicle and trailer were stolen. The driver was arrested.

## **Oak Grove**

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

08.06 224xx Cedar Dr NW – construction materials stolen from a job site

### **Arrests**

08.07 207xx Rum River Blvd NW – 3<sup>rd</sup> degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 74/55. When the deputy made contact with the driver, he appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .108

08.09 207xx Butternut St NW – Assault; deputies responded to a physical altercation between a client and staff. When they arrived, the people were separated. After investigation it was determined the client would be 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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