



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 09.02.22

Scams

08.27 The caller reported that she received a scam call today at 1232 from 612-444-4509. They attempted to convince her that her daughter had been kidnapped by a Mexican cartel and was in trouble. She hung up on them and verified her daughter was not in trouble. She wanted to report the call.

08.27 I spoke to the victim who told me that she received a phone call from a person claiming to be Xcel Energy and telling her that she needs to pay her bill, or her power will be turned off. She paid the first person 249.88 dollars over the US Bank App Zelle. The person said there was problem with the app and took out another 249.88 and 249 dollars. She demanded the money come back to her account and the operator told her that a supervisor will have to call her. "John Paul" called from a 971-307-1361 and said he was going to refund money but took out another 400 dollars. She spoke to another James who called her from 719-900-0250 who took out another 500 dollars in an attempt to "refund" the money. In total she lost 1647.88 dollars from her US Bank account through the app named Zelle. The suspects are unknown and the phone numbers were fake numbers generated out of a computer program.

08.30 The victim advised that she received a phone call from an unknown number who claimed to work for Amazon. She advised that the male, who she stated sounded from overseas, asked if she ordered a \$900 phone on Amazon. When she stated that she hadn't, she advised that the male transferred her to another male. On that call, she advised that the male stated that she had multiple credit cards, bank accounts, and packages found with her name attached to it. The victim advised that when she told the male she would have to call him back because she was going into a meeting, the male got aggressive and stated that she couldn't hang up the phone. She advised that she then hung up on the male.

08.31 I contacted the reporting party. He informed me he was contacted by a person claiming to be from Amazon. They told him his account was compromised and his name was associated with money laundering. In order to clear his name, he was told to purchase several gift cards and send the information to the person on the phone. The victim suspected it was a scam and did not send any money to the person. He hung up on them after they made some threats to send someone to his house.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

08.27 147xx Bluebird St NW – vandalism to home, ding-dong ditch; happens around 11 pm often

08.28 16xx 155 Lane NW – theft of a purse from a vehicle; window left down, credit cards used

09.01 6xx 139 Lane NW – theft from vehicle; broke window and stole tools and copper wire

09.01 21xx 137 Lane NW – theft from unlocked vehicle; wallet, credit cards being used

Arrests

08.30 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed two people slumped over in a vehicle. He stopped to check on them. They said they were fine, they were living in their vehicle. When they were identified, the female was found to have a warrant. She was arrested.

08.31 138xx Crosstown Dr NW – Harassment Order Violation; a woman has a harassment order against her neighbor. The neighbor violated that order by taking pictures of the woman. He was arrested.

09.01 139xx Quinn St NW – Interfere with 911 Call; deputies responded to a mother/son domestic where the son broke the phone to prevent the mother from calling 911. He was located and arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

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

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

08.26 232xx University Ave NE – illegal dumping; tires dumped at the business, caught on video

08.31 243xx Hwy 65 NE – inverter stolen from an RV parked at the secured business

Arrests

08.26 228XX Tippecanoe St NE – HRO Violation; a caller reported a male who she had a restraining order against was at her home, knocking on the door. He was seen via RING camera. The suspect left but was located by deputies and arrested.

08.28 221 Ave/University Ave NE – 3rd degree DWI; deputies responded to a crash. When they arrived, the male refused to get out of the vehicle. While speaking to him, the deputy smelled alcohol. The driver stated he had three shots of tequila. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .265

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

08.30 177xx Hwy 65 NE – theft from a construction site; chainsaw

08.30 30xx 164 Ave NE – two juveniles caught trying to light a port-a-potty on fire; parents notified

09.01 4xx 140 Lane NE – theft from vehicle; broke window stole backpack with laptop and Ipad

Arrests

08.30 2100 Block 175th Ave NE – OFP Violation, Drugs; a resident reported a suspicious vehicle in the neighborhood. The deputy located the vehicle and identified the occupants. The female had a order for protection against the male. The male was arrested. While taking him into custody, meth was located.

Linwood

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

Nowthen

Burglaries

08.27 83xx 181 Ave NW – door on pole barn, forced entry; farm equipment, ladder

Oak Grove

Arrests

08.26 3160 Block 216 Ave NW – 4th degree DWI; a vehicle appeared to be trying to avoid the deputy and made abrupt turns. The deputy followed the vehicle and pulled the driver over for poor driving conduct. When he made contact with the driver he appeared impaired and stated he was looking for a friend's house. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He PBT's under .08 but a pill bottle was located in the vehicle so a warrant for blood was obtained. He was released after the draw.

**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.