



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

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 09.17.21**

Here is an odd Suspicious Activity call we took this week. I haven't seen anything like this before and wanted to share it with you.

I was dispatched a phone call to a Mom regarding a suspicious text she received from #612-747-3286. She advised the message contained a picture of her 8-year-old son she had not seen before and the video used an app to make it appear he was singing a song with swear words in it. She advised she wanted to know who the number belonged to. I advised her I would check but it was most likely a spoofed number. I looked the number up in records and found nothing. I advised her of my findings. I advised her to block the number and call if she received any further communication like this.

### **Scams**

09.16 I called the reporting party who stated that she was notified via email yesterday that a check for \$1039.10 was randomly placed into her bank account at Affinity Plus Credit Union. She then was contacted from a random phone number by a man who called himself Kevin. Kevin stated that she needed to go to the store and get 2 \$500 Apple gift cards and send him the numbers for them.

She stated that she did so, but only one went through before the bank froze her account. She called today because the bank advised her that she had been scammed and may be responsible for the money. I advised her to call the gift card company to see if there is still money on the card. I stated that if there was, she should ask them if they can refund her the money and then told her she would need to give that money to the bank. I explained to her that any time money randomly appears in her account she should assume its fraud. I also stated to her that if anyone ever calls her and tells her to send them gift cards she should not do so.

### **Andover**

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

- 09.10 135xx Jay St NW – theft from unlocked vehicle; camera
- 09.10 135xx Jay St NW – catalytic converter cut off vehicle
- 09.10 17xx 148 Ave NW – catalytic converter cut off vehicle
- 09.11 163xx Country Pkwy – window broken on vehicle; purse stolen

#### **Arrests**

09.13 14200 Block Round Lake – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 63/45. When he identified the driver, she did not have a driver's license but did have a felony warrant. She was arrested.

09.14 34xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – 2<sup>nd</sup> degree DWI; deputies went to check on a male a witness said swerved into a parking lot, parked by the dumpster, and had blood on him. When they arrived, the male admitted to using heroin, he appeared impaired, and the blood was from sores all over his body due to drug use. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male blew 0 on the PBT so a warrant for blood was obtained. He was brought to the hospital for the blood draw and then to jail.

09.14 137xx Quinn St NW – Warrant Arrest; a resident called in a solicitor at his door that didn't have a permit from the city. The deputy arrived and identified the male; he had a warrant. He was arrested.

09.14 139/Jay St NW – Warrant Arrest; a caller reported an adult male who was possibly under the influence struggling to walk and wanted his welfare checked. The deputy located him and the male appeared high. He was identified and had a warrant. He was arrested. While searching him prior to being put in the squad car, fentanyl and paraphernalia was found, along with multiple credit cards that did not belong to the male. He was arrested.

9.16 22xx 141 Lane NW – DWI; deputies were called to a crash where a vehicle hit another vehicle and left. While responding, the suspect vehicle was parked in the middle of a traffic lane nearby. The deputies made contact with the driver who appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested.

09.16 26xx 138 Ave NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies went to the location looking for a male with 4 felony warrants. He was located and arrested without incident.

## **Bethel**

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

## **Columbus**

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

09.12 182xx Tulane St NE – theft from an unlocked vehicle overnight; tools, keys, paperwork

09.13 73xx 167 Ave NE – attempted to cut off catalytic converter from RV; cut 1/3 through

09.13 152xx Zurich St NE – theft of license plate from a vehicle in the parking lot

## **East Bethel**

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

09.13 243xx Hwy 65 NE – tools stolen out of the bed of a pick-up; unsecured

09.15 15xx Viking Blvd NE – theft of a boat parked next to a house

### **Arrests**

09.12 20xxx University Ave NE – Assault; a resident at a group home assaulted staff members. She was arrested.

## **Ham Lake**

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

09.11 32xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – theft of hay from a yard

09.13 146xx Hwy 65 NE – business; crop harvest stolen

09.16 134xx Hwy 65 NE – a stolen motorcycle out of Mpls was discovered at the location

### **Arrests**

09.10 17500 Block Hwy 65 NE – 4<sup>th</sup> degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for expired tabs. When he made contact, the driver appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .13

09.13 134xx Hwy 65 NE – No Contact Order Violation; a deputy observed a female with a male who he knew she had a “No Contact Order” against. They were in a business parking lot. The deputy stopped, confirmed the order, and arrested the male. The male was also at the location in a stolen vehicle.

09.13 137xx Johnson St NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy found a male sleeping in a restroom at a business. The man stated he was homeless. He identified the man and he had a warrant. He was arrested.

09.14 Bunker/Johnson St NE – 2<sup>nd</sup> degree DWI; while in a store, a deputy observed a possibly impaired female. The female then got into a vehicle and drove away. The deputy ran the plate and learned the female did not have a driver’s license so he stopped her. When he made contact, he observed a bag of marijuana on the center console along with misc. pills. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. A warrant for blood was obtained. She was arrested.

09.15 Hwy 65/Constance Blvd NE – 4<sup>th</sup> degree DWI; a caller reported a vehicle that crashed into a ditch and drove out again; the caller thought the driver may be impaired. A deputy located the vehicle and stopped it. When the deputy made contact, the driver appeared impaired and gave the deputy three different credit cards before handing him his license. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. Drugs were also found in the vehicle. A warrant for blood was obtained and he was arrested.

09.15 20xx Mapleton Dr NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male standing on a side walk and he knew he had multiple warrants. He was arrested.

09.16 149xx Durant St NE – Drugs; a caller reported a male parked his vehicle on her yard and walked away. The deputies located the male and he refused to identify himself. For their safety, they secured the male and patted him down. Meth and marijuana were located in his pockets. He was arrested.

## **Linwood**

### **Burglaries**

09.14 219xx Martin Lake Rd NE – pole barn, unsecured; mower, snow blower, trailer

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

09.13 96xx 234 Lane NE – theft of a license plate from vehicle; used in a gas drive-off in Andover

## **Nowthen**

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

09.12 193xx Uranium St NW – damage done to a trail cam at the location

### **Arrests**

224xx St Francis Blvd NW – Assault; a resident at a youth facility assaulted another resident. She was arrested.

## **Oak Grove**

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

09.11 212xx Old Lake George Blvd NW – two generators stolen out of a pick-up truck bed

09.14 191xx Woodbine St NW – victim saw on camera someone trying to enter his pole barn

*\*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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