



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

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 09.30.22**

### **Scams**

09.09 I spoke to the victim via phone. She reported she found an ad on Craigslist yesterday offering four Vikings-Packers tickets on the lower level. The tickets were offered for \$500. She reported she sent \$500 via Venmo to user name: @Anthony-MacConnell-1 at approximately 16:45 hours yesterday. She was in contact with unknown male at phone number 320-216-4880. She said she never received the tickets in her Ticket Master account. She received a message from the Venmo user that contained a screen shot that the "event(s) are transferred." She believes the entire transaction was fraudulent. I advised her that it was extremely unlikely that anyone would be selling tickets to that game for that amount.

09.09 The victim stated that he received a phone call on his cell phone today at about 1022 hours from phone number 612-428-3602, he advised you have the wrong number and hung up. He received another phone call from the same number at about 1137 hours, this time a male stated that we have your daughter and we will kill her if you hang up or tell anyone. The victim stated he heard in the background of the phone call what he believed was his 12yo daughter screaming to help her. The male told him that he would start cutting of his daughter's fingers one at a time if he didn't do exactly what he was told. He was told to get \$990.00 and to have the money transferred to Zaide Leyva Limon at Azcapetzalco, Mexico City Federal District. He stated he went to Walmart in Andover and attempted to send the money via MoneyGram but was denied. He sent the money via Ria Money Transfer at about 1530 hours. He also advised that while he was driving to Walmart, the male knew what streets he was on and what color vehicle was in front of him. He stated that after the transaction was complete and he hung up the phone, he called his ex-wife and found that his daughter was fine and safe with his ex-wife. The victim has shared custody of their daughter.

09.11 I called the reporting party; a 14-year-old juvenile male. He stated he stated the following a person on Snap Chat earlier in the day when an unknown user to him added him as a friend. The unknown person's username was "kenan\_ayl" and they started messaging. He stated that he started messaging the person back and it eventually lead to the person sending photos of a naked woman to him. He stated that the woman appeared to be of college age. He stated that he sent around 5 to 10 photos of himself that were sexually explicit. He then stated that the person then sent all of the sexual photos back to him with screenshots of his friends on Instagram. The person then messaged him demanding \$300 or else they would send all of the photos to his friends and to his school. He told the male that he didn't have \$300 and that the male eventually went down to \$50. However, he stated that he still didn't have that much money and that he only had \$20. The male told him to send the money to 270-705-8780 through Apple pay. He sent the male \$20 to the number, and when he did the male then demanded another \$30. He told the male that he didn't have anymore money. The male then threatened again that they would send the photos to his friends and school. At this time is when the victim texted 911 to report this incident. He stated that he doesn't want his parents to know because he is embarrassed of the situation. I told him that I won't contact his parent, but that I can't promise the Detective will not. I advised him of the importance of internet safety and that he should be honest with his parents and tell them on his own.

09.16 I spoke with the victim who advised that she had recently received a phone call from an unknown individual claiming to be her granddaughter. She advised this individual requested \$18,000 in bail money. When the victim went to the bank the teller at the bank advised her this was a scam and to not send any

money. She requested extra patrol as she fears this unknown individual will come to her house because they believe she now has the money at her house.

09.16 I was dispatched to a fraud phone call report. I called the victim's father who told me his son was being blackmailed. He explained that his son was on Instagram and a different Instagram account had got an intimate picture of his son through fraud. The other Instagram account was now messaging and calling the victim and was threatening to release the photo to different people that he knew if money was not sent to them. The father told me that his son has had depression and was now saying he wanted to kill himself. I asked the father if he needed help tonight and he said he could take care of it. I advised him to not send any money as this would most likely not help the situation.

09.17 I was dispatched regarding a fraud report. Upon arrival, I made contact with the victim. He advised that he was contacted on 9/16/2022 at 0804 hours by, who he believed to be, his grandson. He advised that he was convinced that the male was his grandson and then the male stated that he was in custody by Brooklyn Park PD for causing an accident while on his phone. The male claiming to be the grandson then put another male on the phone who was claiming to be his attorney. He advised that he was told that bail was \$19000.00 and he would need to pay it that day. The victim stated that he was given the option to pay \$9500 now and the rest later; however, there would be an additional fee of \$450.00. The victim advised that he chose to pay the full amount so he went to the bank and withdrew \$19000.00. I asked him if he was asked by the bank what it was for and he did state that they asked him what it was for. After withdrawing the money, he advised that at approximately 1600 hours on 9/16, a male claiming to be a courier showed up at his house to claim the money. The victim described the male as a 20-30 y/o black male who was wearing all black clothing with a black baseball hat. He stated that male told him his name was "Daniel Hill". He advised that the male asked for a case file# and then took the money. The victim advised that he then talked to his son who had talked to the grandson the previous day while he was supposedly in jail. The victim then called the number back today and told them it was a scam before being hung up on. I attempted to call the number with no success and a generic mailbox.

09.19 The victim reported she had been a victim of a scam; she was on her work computer at her home when she received a pop-up Microsoft notification that she could not close. The notification told her that her bank account information had been used to purchase child pornography and that she needed to call the phone number on the screen. She called the number (616-293-7991). The person that answered sounded to be a male that identified himself as Peter Parker. Parker convinced her that her bank accounts had been compromised and she needed to send \$2,000 in gift cards to him. She went to Target, Dollar General, and Walmart to purchase gift cards. These three stores refused to sell gift cards to her because the amount was too large. When she went to Walmart, an employee gave a Fraud information packet to her. After getting this fraud information packet, she went to Walgreens and purchased a \$500 Apple gift card. She gave the information to Peter Parker.

09.22 I called the reporting party who said that on 09/21/2022, she received a voicemail from Wal-Mart saying that there was fraudulent activity on her account. She called the number back. The number was 202-852-2088. When she called the number she got in contact with someone named "Steven Marshall". Marshall said he was from Wells Fargo Bank and gave the victim an employee number of "WF60572". He told the victim that there was fraudulent activity on her Wal-Mart account and said he would transfer her to someone in the fraud department. She was transferred to someone named "Mark Vaughn". Vaughn again told her that there was fraudulent activity on her account and that she needed to set-up a new account because someone had her information. She was instructed to go to her bank and take \$15,000 out of her account in 100 dollar bills. She was then told to go to the Speedway at 11872 Round Lake BLVD in Coon Rapids and put \$15,000 into the Cash2Bitcoin machine. She said she was told to do this so that her money would be safe and so they could set-up a new account. She said she set-up an account on the Cash2Bitcoin machine and gave her account number and password to Vaughn so he could set-up the new account. Once she had done this she called Wells Fargo to see about the fraudulent activity. Wells Fargo said they did not see any fraudulent activity. She then told Wells Fargo about the situation. Well Fargo told her that the employee number that Marshall gave her was not a real employee number.

## **Andover**

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

- 09.12 7xx 140 Lane NW – recovered stolen vehicle located
- 09.12 18xx 139 Ave NW – catalytic converter cut off a vehicle at the location
- 09.16 21xx Andover Blvd NW – theft of an unsecured bike from the school bike rack
- 09.18 139xx Bluebird St NW – trolling motor stolen off a boat parked in the driveway
- 09.19 147xx Bluebird St NW – theft of a backpack from a vehicle at the park; computer, AirPods
- 09.20 6xx 141 Ave NW – trolling motor stolen off a boat parked in the driveway
- 09.21 137xx Jay St NW – theft of backpack from an unlocked vehicle; computer
- 09.27 140xx Round Lake Blvd NW – vehicle with the keys in it stolen while victim ran into gas station
- 09.27 4xx 137 Lane NW – stolen vehicle out of Blaine recovered at the location
- 09.28 140xx Tulip St NW – window on vehicle broken, thief tried to “hotwire” it but failed
- 09.28 34xx 175 Lane NW – suspect captured on camera rummaging through vehicles in driveway
- 09.28 37xx 139 Lane NW – window broken on vehicle, attempted to take the vehicle without success

### **Arrests**

- 09.09 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Shoplifting; two males were caught by asset protection trying to steal a box of Pokemon cards. They were arrested.
- 09.12 22xx 145 Ave NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to an altercation between a husband and wife. The husband was arrested.
- 09.15 143xx Thrush St NW – Warrant; a deputy responded to an open 911 line call. When he arrived he located two people who had been arguing. When identifying them, the male had a warrant. He was arrested.
- 09.15 17xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Recovered Stolen Vehicle, Warrant Arrest; deputies received a tip of a stolen vehicle at the location. They located the vehicle and a male. After investigation and identifying the male, he was found to have warrants. He was arrested.
- 09.19 Bunker Lake Blvd/Rose St NW – DWI Refusal; a deputy stopped a vehicle because it was sitting in front of him at a stoplight and turned on the red arrow. He stopped the driver. When making contact he smelled alcohol. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested and refused to provide a breath sample.
- 09.23 143 Ave/Round Lake Blvd NW – 1<sup>st</sup> degree DWI; two witnesses called in a potentially drunk driver. A deputy located the vehicle and observed poor driving conduct and pulled the driver over. When he made contact, the driver appeared impaired and stated she probably had too much to drink. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She refused PBT tests. She was arrested. Charges were elevated due to four prior DWI convictions.
- 09.24 Round Lake/149 Ave NW – 2<sup>nd</sup> DWI; deputies responded to a multiple vehicle crash. The driver who caused the crash appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .168 Charges were elevated due to two prior DWI convictions.
- 09.26 158xx Round Lake Blvd NW – 1<sup>st</sup> degree DWI; deputies responded to a vehicle that crashed in a ditch. A witness stated there was a female passed out in the vehicle. When they arrived they noticed a strong odor of alcohol and they had a difficult time getting the woman out of the vehicle

due to impairment. Field sobriety tests were conducted and could not be completed for the suspects safety. She was arrested. .38 Charges were elevated due to prior felony DWI convictions.

09.28 142 Lane/Dahlia St NW – Drugs; deputies were called to a male slumped over in a vehicle. They made contact and smelt burnt marijuana. The vehicle he was in was also taken without permission the day before. While speaking to him, he fled on foot. He was apprehended and arrested. While searching the vehicle prior to towing it, fentanyl and other misc. drugs were found.

09.28 172xx Woodbine St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical fight between siblings. One was arrested.

## **Bethel**

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

## **Columbus**

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

09.10 77xx 165 Ave NE – theft of vehicle from driveway, keys in it; recovered nearby abandoned

### **Arrests**

09.12 147xx Lake Dr NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a 911 open call line that came in from an Apple Watch that indicted someone had suffered a fall. When they arrived they found a domestic situation happening between a boyfriend/girlfriend. After investigating, the boyfriend was arrested.

09.18 86xx Lake Dr NE – No DL; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 69/55. When he made contact with the driver he recognized her. She didn't have insurance, proof of ownership, and stated she lost the tabs. She was arrested.

09.19 154xx Hornsby St NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male under a vehicle using a saw. He stopped to see if he could help. The male was working on his daughter's car. Once identified, he was found to have a warrant. He was arrested.

09.27 51xx 182 Lane NE – Warrant Arrest, Drugs; deputies went to the location to arrest a male with a warrant. He was sitting in a vehicle and when he saw deputies approach he jumped out and ran. He was captured. While searching him prior to putting him the squad, meth was found on him.

## **East Bethel**

### **Burglaries**

09.19 183xx Hwy 65 NE – business, pried front door; keys, safe, vehicle titles

09.26 205xx Polk St NE – business, removed window, forced entry; cash

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

09.11 213xx Van Buren St NE – male caught rummaging through a vehicle in the driveway; fled on a golf cart – deputies located the cart, but the male was not in it

09.13 213xx Johnson St NE – theft out of an unlocked vehicle parked at the location for repair

09.14 236xx Monroe St NE – suspect observed trying to break into a vehicle in the driveway

09.18 243xx Hwy 65 NE – backpack stolen out of a camper; broke window to get in

09.18 243xx Hwy 65 NE – broke window on a camper; stole a rug

09.26 1xx Collen St NE – theft of political signs around the city

09.26 243xx Hwy 65 NE – vandalism to a vacant home; broke windows, juveniles identified

### **Arrests**

09.24 200xx Hwy 65 NE – No Contact Order Violation; a deputy stopped a driver for running a red light. When identifying the occupants, it was found the female had a no contact order against the male. The male was arrested.

## **Ham Lake**

### **Burglaries**

09.09 9x 176 Lane NE – forced entry into a home under construction; vent, tape light

09.15 12xx 180 Lane NE – broke back window to enter; tools

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

09.11 13xx Juniper Lane NE – decorative items stolen from garden; multiple juveniles identified

09.15 168xx Hwy 65 NE – catalytic converter cut off RV stored at the location

09.22 17xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – catalytic converter cut off vehicle in the driveway

09.27 46xx Lexington Ave NE – stolen camper located at the address

### **Arrests**

09.10 134xx Hwy 65 NE – PC Pickup; deputies located a vehicle at a hotel. The two occupants had a Felony Probable Cause Pick Up placed on them by Coon Rapids PD. They were located and arrested.

09.13 164xx Hwy 65 NE – No Contact Order Violation; a male contacted a female who had a no contact order against him. He was located and arrested.

09.14 17xx 143 Lane NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a husband and wife physical domestic. The husband was arrested.

09.15 Hwy 65/153 Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a male who was riding a bike on Hwy 65 at dark and did not have proper lighting. The deputy was concerned for his safety. The male was identified and found to have warrants. He was arrested.

09.16 24xx Bunker Lake Blvd NE – Warrant Arrest; deputies went to the location to arrest a male with warrants from the DOC. When they were approaching the home, the male fled in a vehicle. They gave pursuit and eventually the man was taken into custody.

09.17 35xx Interlachen Dr NE – Controlled Substance; a deputy was following a driver towing a boat who appeared to try to elude the deputy. The driver then ran into a parked vehicle and the deputy stopped to investigate. The occupants in the vehicle were identified, and the woman had a warrant for drugs. As they were attempting to arrest her she resisted and tried to hide under the vehicle. She was eventually handcuffed. While searching her, meth was found.

09.17 1xx 172 Lane NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical fight between friends. A female was taken to the hospital and a male was arrested.

09.17 15700 Block Lexington Ave NE – 2<sup>nd</sup> degree DWI; deputies responded to a personal injury crash involving two vehicles at the location. After speaking to the drivers, one appeared off and when asked about drugs became angry. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The driver refused

the PBT. A warrant for blood was obtained. Charges were elevated due to prior DWI's. He was arrested.

09.18 Hwy 65/Crosstown Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for expired tabs. When he identified one of the vehicle's occupants, he had a warrant. He was arrested.

09.19 14xx Crosstown Blvd NE – Warrant Arrest; the department of corrections asked deputies to locate a male with a felony warrant. The deputy saw him near a gas station and stopped his vehicle when he left. He was arrested.

09.19 4500 Block Crosstown Blvd NE – Drugs; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 68/55. When he made contact, the deputy smelled marijuana. The driver eventually admitted there was marijuana in the vehicle. The vehicle was searched and two vacuum sealed bags of marijuana were located along with other THC products. He was arrested.

09.21 Bunker Lake/Guadalupe St NE – 4<sup>th</sup> degree DWI; a deputy stopped a vehicle because it was driving suspiciously slow at 2:45 am. He made contact with the driver who appeared impaired. The driver could not complete sobriety tests due to bad knees and a blind eye. A PBT was done and he blew .112. He was arrested.

09.28 Hwy 65/Bunker Lake Blvd NE – Warrant Arrest; deputies responded to a vehicle crash. When they arrived, they identified the occupants. One had a felony warrant and he was arrested.

09.29 14xx Crosstown Blvd NW – 2<sup>nd</sup> degree DWI; a caller reported a male stumbling and getting into a vehicle. The deputy located the vehicle and observed poor driving conduct and stopped the driver. He made contact and the driver was slurring and had a difficult time pulling his license out of his wallet. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .212 Charges were elevated due to a prior DWI conviction.

## **Linwood**

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

09.23 66xx 228 Ave NE – vandalism at skate park, spray painting signs; juvenile identified

09.26 84xx 240 Ave NE – theft from an unlocked vehicle; manual, title, photos

### **Arrests**

09.26 212xx Viking Blvd NE – DWI Refusal; deputies responded to a multi-vehicle crash. When speaking with those involved, one of the drivers appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .158

## **Nowthen**

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

09.12 197xx Iguana St NW – business; trailer with a trencher on it stolen from a secured area

09.14 74xx Viking Blvd NW – damage to mailbox; possibly caused by a vehicle

09.20 83xx 181 Ave NW – a stolen vehicle was located on the property

### **Arrests**

09.18 196xx Baugh St NW – 2<sup>nd</sup> degree DWI; deputies responded to a call of a male who ran into a ditch and hit the property owner's trees. The driver appeared impaired and stated he had been

drinking for about 12 hours. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .202  
Charges were elevated due to a prior DWI charge.

09.27 Viking/St Francis Blvd NW – Careless Driving; a deputy stopped because a male was urinating outside his vehicle on the side of the road. When he made contact with the male he smelled alcohol. The driver stated he had a beer. Field sobriety tests were passed and he PBT'd .07. He was issued a citation and a ride was arranged.

## **Oak Grove**

### **Burglaries**

09.19 204xx Xavis St NW – kicked in garage service door; tools, pellet guns, CO2 cartridges, scope

09.22 199xx Killdeer St NW – home under construction; appliances, fixtures

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

09.11 1xx 222 Lane NW – forced entry to a vehicle; sunglasses stolen

### **Arrests**

09.10 201 Ave/Arrowhead St NW – DWI Refusal; a deputy was dispatched to a vehicle in a ditch. When he arrived, he assisted the male out of the vehicle. He appeared impaired. He failed the field sobriety tests and refused a breath test. He was arrested.

09.11 198 Ave/Lake George Blvd NW – 4<sup>th</sup> degree DWI; a deputy responded to a vehicle in the ditch. He made contact with the driver who was outside the vehicle when he arrived. The driver appeared impaired. An ambulance was called and the driver was transferred to the hospital for his injuries. A warrant for blood was obtained. .131

09.14 2500 Block 223 Lane NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 41/30. She was identified and it was learned she had a warrant. She was arrested.

09.27 Poppy St/187 Lane NW – 4<sup>th</sup> degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for passing vehicles on the right shoulder. The deputy made contact with the driver who said he was going through some stuff and that he had been drinking and smoking marijuana. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. A warrant for blood was obtained. .106

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