



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 10.01.21

I like to share good stuff! Thank you to the concerned citizen that called 911; if they hadn't, this woman may not have known she was having a stroke.

A resident called requesting me to check the welfare of a female on Xylite St NE and 177th Ave NE. I made contact with the female, she stated she was waiting for a friend to pick her up but hasn't seen her yet. The female then requested a ride home. When I asked her what her address was, she gave me two different addresses. Neither of the addresses made sense. As I was transporting the female home, I noticed her speech was slurred and she seemed to be struggling with her memory. She advised me that she had a stroke back in July and recovered from it with little to no deficiencies. I asked her to smile for me and her smile appeared to be even. Because she had slurred speech, poor memory, and poor balance, I had an ambulance respond emergency to her residence. While we were waiting for the ambulance, the left side of her face started to droop, her speech was becoming more slurred, and her balance had become worse. I assisted with securing her residence and getting her to the ambulance.

Scams

09.24 The victim was taken for approximately \$5,000.00 at the time of this report. He stated that on 09/22/21 at 1100 hours he made a money transfer of \$5,000.00 from his Paypal account to his bank account. He noticed that the transfer did not go through so he Googled a phone number for Paypal and called to ask why the transfer hadn't gone through yet. The male on the other line advised him that because of the large amount, they needed to verify his identity. The male requested that the victim send a photo of the front and back of his driver's license, take a selfie, and download an app that gives Paypal access to his phone. The victim complied with the requests. Today he noticed that multiple transactions were made from his bank account. There was one \$1,000, two \$965, and six \$300. The total came to \$4,730.00. The victim stated that he canceled all his bank cards and accounts linked to Paypal and his phone.

09.27 I was dispatched to a phone call regarding a possible scam report. I made contact with the victim who said she received an email saying that she subscribed to a website that she had never subscribed to. The email said that her subscription was a total of \$399.00 and to call 1(800)-787-8107 if she had any questions. I told her to contact her bank and see if a transaction had occurred and to not call the phone number in the email.

09.27 Facebook Market Place scam. The victim was selling a car on FB and suspect emailed asking questions and said he couldn't come look at the vehicle because his wife was pregnant. The suspect sent a check for the vehicle which was \$7K over asking price and requested the seller return the money in the form of PayPal. The victim returned the extra money and the check bounced two days later. Loss, \$7K.

09.28 The victim reported contacting Fritz Concrete Construction by email on 05-18-21 for an estimate on cement work. A lengthy thread started with multiple emails from both parties. The original email contact was legitimate. She last received an email from this account the morning of 08-26-21. Later that day, she received an email from what she thought was the same Fritz Concrete Construction email account. It wasn't until weeks later that she realized the email address was slightly different. The new email address was "fritzCC2020@outlook.com." In this email, someone posing as Fritz Concrete Construction asked that Rien provide \$2500.00 for a down payment on the work requested. The email went into detail about the upcoming job and appeared legitimate. The email further requested that Rien send the money by way of Zelle which is supported by Wells Fargo. On 09-06-21, Rien transferred \$2500.00 to the name provided through Zelle. On 09-10-21, Fritz Concrete Construction posted information that their email account had been compromised and fraudulent emails had been sent to numerous customers. This is when the victim found the discrepancy in the email addresses.

09.28 Grandparent Scam – handled perfect by the victim. The victim reported receiving a phone call this morning from a male identifying himself as the attorney for his grandson. This male asked the victim to provide \$9,000.00 for legal funds as his grandson has been arrested. He also advised the victim to not contact his grandson or anyone else in the family.

The victim called his grandson and learned that he was in school in another state and fine. When the "attorney" called back, the victim confronted him and he disconnected the call.

09.03 Victim met a female through Facebook and exchanged inappropriate photos. The female is now blackmailing the victim. The victim was told this is a common scam tactic and not to provide any information or money.

Andover Burglaries

09.28 49xx 170 Lane NW – Attempted Burglary; the victim observed on his Ring at 0441 two suspects open his unlocked vehicle and open the garage door using the opener inside. Shortly after entering the garage they were seen running away to a vehicle parked down the street. The suspects didn't take anything, and the victim thought it was because the dogs started barking which alerted his wife and his wife opened the front door to look outside.

Thefts & Damage to Property

09.24 161xx Crosstown Blvd NW – window broke on vehicle while parked in church lot; bag stolen

09.24 135xx Poppy St NW – porta-potty in park tipped over

09.26 32xx 176 Lane NW – license plates stolen off of a vehicle

09.28 48xx 170 Ave NW – theft from an unlocked vehicle; garage door opener, purse, keys

09.28 22xx 151 Lane NW – mailbox damaged by a baseball bat

Arrests

09.28 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Disorderly Conduct; a deputy responded to a call of 5 juveniles being loud and disorderly in the parking lot and they appeared drunk. The deputy arrived and all claimed they had not been drinking but one. However, they all PBT'd positive for alcohol. One of the juveniles lied about her identity. When the deputy figured it out, he attempted to arrest the 16-year old female who began to resist and fight with the deputy. All the parents were called and the 16-year old that lied and fought, she was arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

09.29 84xx 176 Lane NE – a stolen camper from Shakopee was recovered at the location

Arrests

09.24 Headquarters/Zodiac St NE – Domestic Assault; dispatched received and open 911 line. The phone was suspected to be in a vehicle and dispatchers could hear a male yelling at a female. Deputies were able to locate the vehicle and stop it. After investigating, it was determined the male had physically assaulted the female and removed the locks from the door so she couldn't escape. He also had a warrant and no driver's license. He was arrested.

09.30 142xx Lake Dr NE – Warrant Arrest; while conducting extra patrol at the request of the homeowner, a deputy observed a male he knew to have a warrant. Contact was made and he was arrested.

East Bethel

Arrests

09.27 237xx Hwy 65 NE – 2nd degree DWI; a caller reported a male who appeared intoxicated getting into a vehicle and leaving. The deputy located the vehicle and stopped it. When the deputy made contact with the driver, he smelled alcohol, the male appeared impaired, and there was an open beer in the cup holder. Due to a language barrier, field sobriety tests were started but could not be completed. The male refused a PBT. He was arrested. He eventually submitted to a test which showed a .24 reading. Charges were elevated due to high alcohol contact and two prior DWI's.

Ham Lake

Burglaries

09.27 13xx 133 Lane NE – doors kicked in, home is vacant; nothing of value was stolen

Thefts & Damage to Property

09.24 164xx Aberdeen St NE – theft from an unlocked vehicle in parking lot; diaper bag

09.25 2xxx 178 Ave NE – theft of jewelry during a showing of a house for sale

09.25 138xx Aberdeen St NE – suspect took vehicle out for a test drive and never came back

09.30 139xx Fraizer St NE – illegal dumping on the property

Arrests

09.27 137xx Johnson St NE – Drugs; a deputy observed a vehicle with no license plate and he could not see a temporary permit. The vehicle stopped and he did see a temporary and ran it. The permit was expired and the registered owner came back as revoked. He stopped her and asked for proof of insurance. She did not have anywhere. The deputy saw marijuana in the vehicle and asked if there was anything else, the female stated no. Due to evidence at the scene, the vehicle was searched and meth, oxy, and fentanyl were found along with a large amount of cash. She was arrested.

09.28 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Fleeing in Motor Vehicle – Press Release

On September 28, 2021, at approximately 6:17 P.M., a deputy with the Anoka County Sheriff's Office responded to the 7000 block of Ivy Ln NE in the city of Ham Lake on the report of a suspicious male in a vehicle watching children in the area. A registration check of the vehicle's license plated determined that the registered owner of the vehicle had an active arrest warrant for criminal sexual conduct. While at the location, the driver and vehicle proceeded to flee from the deputy. The deputy did not continue the pursuit due to the amount of people in the area, making the situation dangerous to the public. Shortly thereafter, a second deputy with the Anoka County Sheriff's Office located the vehicle traveling southbound on Highway 65. In the city of Blaine, deputies and officers with the Blaine Police Department attempted to stop the vehicle with stop sticks and pursuit intervention techniques. After crashing into multiple squad cars, law enforcement successfully stopped the vehicle near the 9700 block of Highway 65. Once stopped, the male armed himself with a knife and refused law enforcement's commands. Less lethal tactics were used to disarm the male and place him under arrest. He was then transported via Allina EMS to a local hospital for evaluation.

Linwood

Thefts & Damage to Property

09.30 236xx Sunrise Rd NE – a stolen motorcycle was recovered at the location

09.30 87xx 239 Lane NE – storage locker pried open; guns

Arrests

09.29 6400 Block Viking Blvd NW – 3rd degree DWI; a deputy observed a male driving and he knew the male was intoxicated because the deputy was just at his house on a domestic issue stemming

from the male being intoxicated. He stopped the driver. Field sobriety tests were offered, but could not be completed due to intoxication level. A warrant for blood was obtained. He was arrested. .24

Nowthen

Thefts & Damage to Property

09.25 197xx Iguana St NW – theft of a trailer from a business

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

09.27 199xx Nightingale St NW – vandalism; juveniles throwing rocks at a garage on the property

09.28 4xx Sims Rd NW – theft from an unlocked vehicle; backpack, prescription

**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.