



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 11.18.22

Scams

11.11 A caller reported being a victim of a Publishers Clearing House scam. He was told he won money. The suspects told him to buy gift cards at Walmart to pay the processing fee. He advised he purchased \$200 in gift cards and provided the numbers to the suspects. I contacted Walmart to see if the cards could be canceled and they couldn't. The victim advised he also received a \$7000 check in a previous scam that he did not cash. I also provided him with fraud prevention tips so he can identify a scam in the future faster.

11.14 Bitcoin, \$23000 loss: The victim received an email from a company called AVG. In this email AVG claimed that she owed a AVG Security Plan bill of \$389.75. She advised that she called the number located on the bill, 1-800-318-2448, to speak about her account. She advised that once she called the number, she spoke to a Mike who transferred her to a Chris. She advised that Chris gave her a refund of the \$389.75, but accidentally placed \$38,900 into her account. She advised that Chris apologized for the accident and told her he would deduct the money and that he needed her to place the deductions into Bitcoin currency. She advised that \$10,000 was deducted from her account on Thursday and she then proceeded to travel to a Bitcoin machine near 129th Ave NE and HWY 65 in Blaine. Then again on Saturday another \$10,000 was removed from her bank account and deposited at a different Bitcoin location near Lexington Ave and 109th Ave NE in Blaine. She became suspicious regarding the transactions after a while and decided to make a police report.

11.14 The victim advised that he attempted to set up an account on his iPhone regarding fishing. While doing so, fake customer service agents asked him for pictures of his and wife's driver's license along with a credit card number. After a while, he found that he was unable to receive calls and could only make outgoing calls. He advised he then began to see charges on two of his credit cards. He advised that he attempted to contact the company back but found that they were using an encrypted phone number through the WhatsApp. The victim advised that he has managed to cancel the two credit cards that were compromised as well as get a new phone number. I advised him to change the card number to his other two credit cards as well. I advised him to contact the Social Security Office at 1-800-772-1213, to get his and his wife's social security numbers flagged. I advised him to also call the DMV at 763-324-2100, and to request new driver's licenses with different numbers due to the scammers having a picture of their licenses.

11.14 Instagram Blackmail: The victim reported dissemination of private sexual images. He had been communicating on Instagram with the screen name "Ella Wainberg." He said they spoke for a short time and ended up exchanging nude images over Snapchat. He stated he sent one picture and one video; both showed both his privates and face. He said he had now been added to a group chat on Instagram started by this person "Ella Wainberg" with the group name "Exposing (VICTIMS NAME) Nudes XXXX." He said that his family members such as his parents had been added to this chat. He

said that a male called him from the Snapchat account and told him to send \$500 either through Venmo or through gift cards. I advised him not to send any money. I also advised that he and his friends and family block any accounts associated with this person Ella. I advised him there was no crime yet and to call back if he found out the images were sent.

Andover

Arrests

11.10 13xx 137 Lane NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went to the location because he learned a male with a felony level warrant was there. The male was located and arrested.

11.10 133xx Thrush St NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies were responding to a mother/daughter verbal domestic. When the women were identified, the daughter was found to have a warrant out of Hennepin County, and she was arrested.

11.12 138xx Palm St NW – Drugs; deputies responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend domestic. When they arrived, the situation was sorted out and the male agreed to leave and let a deputy give him a ride to a friend's house. The BF asked the GF to get his medication. She gave him a box and he stated his meds were inside it. The deputy looked and there were fentanyl pills inside. The male was arrested.

11.13 133xx Poppy St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a husband/wife domestic. The husband was arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

11.10 95xx Broadway Ave NE – stolen vehicle from Carver County found in church parking lot

Arrests

11.11 152xx Zurich St NE – Obstructing Legal Process; deputies were called to a disorderly and verbally aggressive male at the business. He appeared impaired and wanted the casino to reimburse him the \$1500 he had lost. The male was confrontational and not listening to deputies. Multiple deputies were called to get the situation under control. The male was finally handcuffed and put into the squad. He was arrested. Later, security footage, the male was seen handing a gun off to his girlfriend during the confrontation.

11.13 153xx Zodiac St NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went to the location because he learned a female living there had a warrant. She was located and arrested.

11.15 35W/Lake Dr NE – 3rd degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver because he did not have his headlights on, and it was dark. When he made contact, the male appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The deputy believed the impairment was caused by drugs so a warrant for blood was obtained. Charges were elevated due to a prior DWI. He was arrested.

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

11.15 225xx Sandy Dr NE – window on a vehicle parked in the driveway smashed; nothing taken

Arrests

11.10 228xx Tippecanoe St NE – HRO Violation; a victim reported a male whom she had a restraining order against was standing at her door and being filmed. Deputies arrived and the male had left. He was located in Brooklyn Park and arrested.

11.11 Viking/Greenbrook Dr NE – Criminal Vehicular Operation; deputies responded to a personal injury crash. When they arrived, they observed a head-on crash. One driver smelled like alcohol and refused to do field sobriety tests. A warrant for blood was obtained. He was arrested.

11.15 4xx Aspen Rd NE – Domestic Assault; deputies were responding to a medical which was a result of an assault the night prior. After investigating, the boyfriend was arrested. He also had multiple warrants.

11.17 9xx 193 Lane NE – Drugs; deputies responded to a call of an out-of-control daughter using drugs. Deputies arrived and spoke to the parents. The daughter was combative and walking around the home smoking drugs. She was arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

11.10 139xx Lincoln St NE – theft of 2 generators from the back of a box truck

11.11 35xx Interlachen Dr NE – vehicle stolen from driveway; spare key was missing

11.14 142xx Hwy 65 NE – secured trailer at the business stolen

11.15 171xx Hwy 65 NE – two catalytic converters cut from vehicles on the sales lot

Arrests

11.11 134xx Hwy 65 NE – Disorderly Conduct; an employee called and reported a female out of control and yelling at the business. Deputies arrived and located the female who continued to yell and appeared to be having some sort of break-down. The female continued to yell and fight with deputies even after they agreed to transport her to another hotel because the current hotel wanted her trespassed. She was eventually arrested and brought to jail because she wouldn't stop fighting.

11.13 Central/133 Ave NE – Drugs; a deputy stopped a driver because he had no driver's license. When the male's identity was confirmed he was arrested. Drugs were also found in the vehicle prior to towing it.

11.13 70xx Ivy Lane NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male driving, and she knew he had two warrants. She stopped him and he was arrested.

11.14 135xx Jefferson St NE – Warrant Arrest; deputies were called to a boyfriend/girlfriend domestic. When they arrived, the parties were identified. The male had a warrant, and he was arrested.

11.14 139xx Lexington Ave NE – Controlled Substance Possession; deputies responded to a roommate domestic. When they arrived, both participants appeared high and there was drugs and paraphernalia all around the home. After investigating, it was decided to take the female roommate into custody for possession and she also had multiple warrants.

Linwood

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

Nowthen

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

Oak Grove

Arrests

11.10 225 Lane/Rum River Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest x 2; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 51/45. When he made contact with the occupants, they appeared nervous. Two of the three people in the vehicle had warrants once they were identified. They were arrested.

11.12 189xx Lake George Blvd NW – Assault; deputies responded to the business because a female had assaulted two other females. When they arrive, the suspect had fled. After investigating it was determined they would arrest the female who fled. She was located in Ramsey and arrested.

11.13 Evergreen/Sims Rd NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver because he was displaying revoked plates. The driver was identified and was found to have no license and a warrant.

11.13 Flamingo/Viking Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; as a deputy was heading to the area because he learned a male with a warrant was in the neighborhood. The deputy passed him walking on the side of the road and stopped to arrest him.

**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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