



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

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 12.09.22**

### **Scams**

12.02 I spoke to a woman who stated her son had been scammed. He had been speaking with a woman, a Rose Page, who had recently sent him a check. The check was in the amount of \$9,574 and written out to Rose from a construction company in California. The mom stated that she called the company to verify if the check was real. The company told her that the check was fraudulent and that it is the second fraudulent check this week that they've been made aware of. The mom stated that she has attempted to speak with her son about the fictitious check and the fictitious female, Rose, but he did not believe her. She advised that her son is waiting for Rose to arrive for a visit from Seattle, WA, and to cash the check that he is holding for her. At this time, he is not out of any money and has not cashed the check with his bank. Mom has advised that her son is deaf so the best form of communication with him telephonically would be through text. I advised her that I would text him to let him know that he should listen to her, and that Rose indeed was scamming him. I advised the son that he may be a victim of Catfishing and not to cash the check that was given to him, he simply replied with 'Ok thanks'.

12.06 The victim received a phone call from the phone number (236-788-7390) stating that her son had been in a car accident and was in jail. The phone number had a Vancouver area code. The caller stated they were a family friend and also a Lawyer who goes by Mr. Ross. Mr. Ross asked for \$9,000 for bail money. The victim then contacted her son who was at work. She did not give the caller any bank or personal information. I advised her to monitor her bank accounts and credit and to change her passwords in case it was a fishing scam.

12.08 I called the victim who said her and her husband's SSN and MN DL was sent to a male posing as a real-estate agent for rental property. She responded to an ad on Facebook Market place about a place for rent in Circle Pines. The company used was Invitation Homes. She had been in contact with this person for about the last month. This person identified himself as Tho Huynh and contacted them from numbers of 612-229-5579 and 754-273-6376. Today, they sent him pictures of their MN DL and SSN card and application fee of \$100 over cash app. She thought it was legit until she called the company and they had not heard of this person and they did not do business this way. The cash app address they sent money to was @STEPHER91 and money was accepted by Stephanie Atkinson. I advised them to contact Social Security Admin and the 3-credit bureaus to report their SSN and ID as compromised for possible ID theft.

### **Andover**

#### **Burglaries**

12.08 142XX Woodbine St NW – lock cut off shed; full gas cans stolen

## **Arrests**

12.06 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Shoplifting; deputies responded to three people in the store stealing items. They were located and one male was arrested.

12.07 137xx Sycamore St NW – 4<sup>th</sup> degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for blowing a red light. The driver appeared impaired, but no alcohol could be smelled. The driver stated he was on prescribed medications. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. A warrant for blood was obtained and the male was arrested. Charges may be elevated due to a prior drug-related DWI in October of 2022.

## **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**

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

## **Ham Lake**

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

12.06 142xx Lincoln St NE – catalytic converter cut off of a work vehicle parked at the business

12.08 159xx Lincoln St NE – enclosed trailer stolen from a business

## **Arrests**

12.03 Hwy 65/153 Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy ran a plate because the tint on the windows exceeded what is allowed. The registered owner came back as having no driver's license and a warrant. He stopped the vehicle, identified the driver and he was arrested.

## **Linwood**

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

## **Nowthen**

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

12.05 62xx Old Viking Blvd NW – catalytic converter cut off an RV parked at the location

## **Oak Grove**

### **Burglaries**

12.08 217xx Aztec St NW – unforced entry into a shed; miter saw, rigid table, tackle box

## **Arrests**

12.03 196 Lane/Flamingo St NW – 4<sup>th</sup> degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for swerving. The driver smelled of alcohol and appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .16

12.04 32xx Viking Blvd NW – 2<sup>nd</sup> degree DWI; callers reported a possible drunk driver. A deputy was able to locate the vehicle and observe poor driving conduct. The driver pulled into a gas station and

the deputy made contact. The male appeared impaired and when asked how much he had to drink, he stated "not much." Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .26

*\*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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