



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

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 12.16.22**

### **Scams**

12.09 The victim stated she received a text message at 1440 hours from phone number (1) 470-796-4334. The message stated it was from her friend requesting a transfer of money for business-related expenses. The victim ultimately initiated a transfer of \$728.00 via Venmo and the person then requested an additional \$1,172.00. At that point, the victim became suspicious and refused to send the additional money. She realized that the messages were not actually coming from her friend, and she stopped responding to the individual. She stated she had already contacted her bank as well as Venmo regarding the incident.

12.15 The victim told me he was being blackmailed. He explained that someone who was communicating with him had gotten nude pictures of him. He said that a person posing to be a female started messaging him through Facebook and they exchanged cell phone numbers; he started communicating with this person in June of 2021. The person he was talking to eventually threatened to share the nude pictures of him if he did not pay them. He said he had already given \$1,000 to the blackmail scam via PayPal. The username paid was 'ELJONMALABANAL'. He decided to stop contacting the scammer. The scammer eventually was able to find his girlfriend and sent her a picture of him nude and demanded more money or else the scammer threatened to share the picture with his friends and family. The victim was wondering if there was a way I could stop the blackmail. I informed him that I did not have the power to stop the blackmail myself. I advised him to stop communicating with the scammer and not to send them more money because this will not stop them.

### **Andover**

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

12.10 22xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – a secured bike was stolen from the bike rack outside of Festival

#### **Arrests**

12.12 34xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a female pulling into a parking lot and he knew she had a warrant. He followed her and made contact. She was arrested.

12.12 137xx Round Lake Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went to the location to look for a male with a warrant. When he arrived, the owner let him look around the business. The suspect had locked himself in the freezer. A key was obtained, and the male was arrested.

12.14 2200 Block 145 Ave NW – 2<sup>nd</sup> degree DWI; a caller reported someone who she knew was driving drunk. Deputies located the vehicle and observed poor driving conduct. The driver was stopped and immediately started fighting with the deputies. He was eventually handcuffed. One of the field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .19 Charges were elevated due to two prior DWI's.

12.13 136xx Martin St NW – Warrant Arrest; Brooklyn Park Police asked us to go to the location and locate a male who had a warrant. Deputies arrived and located the man, and he was arrested.

12.14 7xx 143 Ave NW – Agency Assist, HRO Violation; Ramsey Police asked us to go to the location to see if a male was there who had violated a restraining order in their city. The male was there, he was arrested and turned over to Ramsey PD.

## **Bethel**

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

12.14 1xx Main St NW – a vehicle was vandalized; keyed and broken mirrors

## **Columbus**

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

12.09 76xx 155 Ave NE – theft of mail; victim observed a small white vehicle pull up to her mailbox and steal the contents

12.14 154xx Hornsby St NE – a vehicle with the keys in it stolen out of a parking lot at a gas station

12.15 154xx Hornsby St NE – a stolen vehicle out of Chisago County was located in the parking lot

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12.12 Broadway/Zodiac St NE – DWI Refusal; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 80/55. As the driver was pulling over, he hit and destroyed a mailbox. The male refused to roll down the window stating COVID concerns; the deputy still smelled alcohol and the driver appeared impaired. The driver stated he had 4 – 5 beers. Field Sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The driver refused to provide a breath sample. He was arrested. .19

## **East Bethel**

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

12.13 231 Lane/Buchanan St NE – an abandoned stolen vehicle out of Maplewood located

## **Ham Lake**

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

12.12 136xx Hwy 65 NE – catalytic converter cut off a vehicle parked overnight at the gas station

### **Arrests**

12.09 34xx Interlachen Dr NE – 2<sup>nd</sup> degree DWI; a caller reported a drunk driver. The deputy located the driver and stopped him for poor driving conduct. The deputy asked the driver what's up, he stated he had been drinking. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .188

12.10 14xx Crosstown Blvd NE – Controlled Substance; a business called in two people in a vehicle possibly overdosing in their parking lot. Deputies arrived and made contact with the occupants, and they were doing drugs. They were identified and the female had multiple warrants. She was arrested. While searching her and the vehicle, meth and fentanyl were found.

12.10 Bunker Lake/Radisson Rd NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy ran a plate and the registered owner came back with warrants and no driver's license. He stopped the vehicle and identified the driver. He was arrested.

12.10 162xx Lexington Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; a caller reported a male banging on his front door and deputies responded. The caller called back and stated he did not need help because it was a friend. Well, the friend had a warrant. Deputies arrested the male.

12.12 Constance/Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a female in a vehicle and knew she had a warrant. He stopped the vehicle, and the woman was arrested. The male driver was acting suspiciously and while deputies were talking to him, he became agitated and began fighting with deputies. The male also had a warrant. Both went to jail.

## **Linwood**

### **Arrests**

12.14 85xx 240 Ave NE – No Contact Order Violation; a caller reported a male at the location who the female that lived there had a protection order against. Deputies arrived and he was located and arrested.

## **Nowthen**

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

12.13 83xx 181 Ave NW – a trail camera was stolen

## **Oak Grove**

### **Arrests**

12.10 182xx Lake George Blvd NW – DWI; deputies responded to a vehicle that crashed into a creek. When they arrived, they located the driver in the creek, outside his vehicle, and he stated he was trying to jump start the car. The deputies assisted in getting the man out of the creek and he appeared impaired and smelled like alcohol. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. He refused to test, so a warrant for blood was obtained.

*\*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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