



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 12.17.21

Scams

On 12/10/2021, at 1907 hours, I took a phone report of fraud. The reporting party told me earlier in the day, she received a telephone call on her cell phone from 206-596-7317. The caller, an unidentified female, told her she was a representative from Amazon and wanted to verify the purchase of a computer on her account. The caller provided the RP with enough information for her to believe it was a legitimate call from Amazon. The caller also had her go to a website on her phone that seemed to remotely access her phone. They told the RP that her accounts and phone had been compromised and they would need her to leave her house to resolve the issue. At the unidentified female's direction, she went to the Walgreens at 12480 Aberdeen St NE in Blaine and made at least three transactions to purchase \$900 in prepaid gift cards. The RP then went to a website at the direction of the caller and put in all of the gift card information. She could not remember either website address. The RP attempted to call back the number and received a message that the number was no longer in service, and when she attempted to go back to the websites she was directed to go to, she could no longer reach the pages. The RP told me one of the transactions was on her debit card for \$500 and the other two were on her credit card for \$200 each. She had already contacted the card issuer for both cards to report the incident. I suggested she investigate credit monitoring and other consumer protection services, but also explained that it did not appear that her accounts were compromised. I also suggested she contact her phone provider to ensure her phone was not compromised. Nothing further, no suspect information.

On 12-13-21 at 1253 hours, I was dispatched a phone call scam report. The reporting party stated he received a phone call from 585-964-1449 just a few minutes ago. A female with an accent explained that he had a package at customs with contraband in it. The RP disconnected the call without giving out any sensitive information. Nothing further. Clear.

On 12/14/2021, at approximately 0405 hours, I was dispatched to Speedway for a fraud report. I arrived and spoke with the reporting party and the store manager. They stated that the RP had been involved in a crypto currency scam during her night shift and had lost \$955.00 cash from the store. The RP stated a male called the store at approximately 0145 hours. He called himself Mike and claimed to be the owner of the store. The male told her that a Bitcoin machine was going to be delivered around 0700 hours and he stated she needed to transfer funds into a nearby machine before it was delivered. He provided her with the tracking number 0051374696937, claiming FedEx would be delivering the machine. I later searched that tracking number online and found no results. After speaking further with the male, she took out all of the cash that she had access to and locked the store so she could drive to the nearest Bitcoin machine to make the deposit. She drove to Cub Foods at 12595 Central Ave NE in Blaine and made a transfer in the amount of \$955.00. The transfer was made at approximately 0250 hours. It wasn't until the store manager arrived at the store later in the morning that the RP realized it was a scam. The RP showed me her phone history on her cell phone and on the store phone which showed multiple different phone numbers. The various phone numbers included the following: (554)671-1259, (333)924-0798, (558)098-3461, and (979)201-5628. I had her screenshot the transaction information from her cell phone and send the screenshots to me. The screenshots were later submitted via iCrimefighter. They were provided the case number of the incident for their records and I advised them to call back if they had any further information.

On 12.14.21 at 1843 hours I spoke to the reporting party by phone regarding a scam report. He advised an unknown person had sent him messages on snap chat. Through their conversations he told the person money was tight and the person offered to loan him money. He was sent a check for \$1,500 and he cashed it at his bank, Spire. He spent the money on Christmas gifts and the unknown person then requested the money back. He told the person he did not currently have the money and the person blocked him. His Bank has since advised him the check was fraudulent and is demanding he pay the money back and have locked his bank accounts. He advised he would be able to pay the bank back after he receives his paycheck and he is not out any money. He does not know who the person was or have any information other than the fraudulent check. NFAT.

On 12-15-21 at 1831 hours I was dispatched to the address for a fraud report. I met with the reporting party and his son and was advised that the RP was being harassed for money online. He stated he accepted a friend request from an unknown female on Snapchat earlier in the day. Later in the day, she sent nude photos of herself and asked him to send some of him. The RP sent photos of himself and the female screenshot them and threatened to send the photos to all of his friends on Instagram if he did not send her \$500.00. He stated she was continually sending threatening messages and he did not know what to do. I advised the RP that it was a scam and advised him to report and block the person. I advised him to delete his social media accounts if he was truly afraid that his photos would be sent to his friends. He was advised not to send any money and I advised him to not send photographs to anybody that he does not personally know in the future. He was advised to call back if the photographs were shared or if the messages continued.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 12.10 172xx Partridge St NW – damage to a mailbox
- 12.10 5xx Bunker Lk Blvd NW – car windows smashed; electronics, purse -cc's used at nearby stores
- 12.11 22xx 150 Ave NW – damage to a mailbox
- 12.13 138xx Northwood Dr NW – unsecure vehicle; glasses, cash
- 12.16 33xx Bunker Lk Blvd NW – vehicle window smashed; purse

Arrests

- 12.10 134xx Marigold Cir NW – Assault; deputies responded a staff/client assault at the location. The male client was arrested.
- 12.11 16600 Block of Roanoke St NW – 2nd Degree DWI; deputies responded to a multi vehicle person injury crash at the location. One of the drivers appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. .179

Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 12.14 237xx University Ave NW – business; vehicle stolen from the parking lot

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 12.12 177xx Mackenzie St NE – attempted burglary; pole barn doors and locks damaged
- 12.15 72xx 180 Ave NE – mail stolen from the mailbox

Arrests

- 12.10 16700 Block of Potomac St NE – Drugs; a deputy stopped a driver for not using his turn signal and drifting all over the road. The driver refused to give the deputies his license, proof of insurance

and would not listen to any commands. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

12.11 243xx Hwy 65 NE – stolen vehicle out of Anoka recovered at the location

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

12.15 162xx Central Ave NE – counterfeit money used at the business; \$100

12.16 163xx Hwy 65 NE – vehicle stolen from the business; keys were in it

Arrests

12.11 24xx Bunker Lk Blvd NE – Warrant Arrest; deputies responded to the location in an attempt to locate a male with an active warrant. The male was located and arrested. .11

12.11 38xx 149th Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; deputies responded to a report of a suspicious male sleeping in a vehicle at the location. The vehicle was located upon identifying the male they found that he had an active warrant. The male was arrested.

12.12 34xx Constance Blvd NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a girlfriend/boyfriend domestic at the location. The male was arrested.

12.12 177xx Johnson St NE – Terroristic Threats; deputies responded to wife/husband domestic at the location. The male was arrested.

Linwood

Arrests

12.11 21xx Viking Blvd NE – Warrant Arrest, Drugs; deputies responded to the location in an attempt to locate a male with an active warrant. The male was located in a bedroom. Permission was given to search the home. Narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

Nowthen

Thefts & Damage to Property

12.16 199xx Iguana St NW – snowblower stolen from the property

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

12.16 45xx 222nd Ave NW – vehicle stolen from the property; keys were in it

Arrests

12.11 2800 Block of 221st Ave NW – 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested.

12.15 224xx Rum River Blvd NW – Domestic; deputies responded to a girlfriend/boyfriend domestic at the location. The male was arrested.