



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 12.23.22

Scams

12.19 Victim stated that on 12/17 she was contacted via Facebook from someone who said that they wanted to give away a PlayStation 5. She messaged them about the item. The account messaged her and stated that they did not have enough money to pay for shipping and that she had to send \$61 via PayPal. She said she did this but then they messaged again and said they needed \$70 more for shipping costs. The victim sent that money but became suspicious. She stated that she contacted PayPal to cancel the money being sent. Someone at "PayPal" routed her to another person who made her download an app on her phone so they could help fix this. She said she did download the app but after, her phone started to act odd and she hung up on the person and deleted the app. After this she said that she was getting notifications that her bank account had been locked along with her PayPal.

12.21 The victim reported being called by someone posing as Publishers Clearing house and saying she won but they needed \$640 to clear the taxes in the form of a Walmart gift card. She did not get the gift card hung up on them. They called from 870-724-5609. I called the number and received a message the number is not in service.

12.22 This is new. The victim stated that on 12/20 he had received messages on Instagram from a female who stated that she wanted to use his photos in artwork. The victim agreed. As compensation, the user offered to pay him \$3,000 once the "piece" was completed. A short time later, the female asked him for his email and other contact information along with what branch of bank he used. He informed her that he used US Bank but did not provide any other identifying information to any of his accounts. The victim received an electronic check for \$3,000 that he deposited it to his account via his phone. The female then asked him to send her back \$2,500 for costs of the supplies and services. He became suspicious at this time and reported the activity to his bank. The bank cleared the \$3,000 check and he is not out any money, nor did he believe any of his other information had been compromised. He was advised to change his passwords.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

12.16 33xx 173 Lane NW – a license plate was stolen from a vehicle at the location

12.18 152xx Hanson Blvd NW – a cell phone was stolen from an unsecured locker at the Y

Bethel

Burglaries

12.23 2xx 237 Lane NE – victim fought with suspect who entered home; investigation continues

Columbus

Arrests

12.20 14800 Block Lake Dr NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver because he didn't have a driver's license. The male was identified and issued a citation. He was allowed to call a friend to drive his vehicle home instead of having it towed. However, the female in the passenger seat had multiple warrants and she was arrested.

East Bethel

Arrests

12.16 47xx Viking Blvd NE – DWI Refusal; Reserve Officers spotted a driver who had pulled over and they stopped to offer assistance. When they made contact with the driver, he appeared impaired and they called a deputy. The deputy asked to conduct field sobriety tests and the driver refused and began fighting with the deputy. He was eventually arrested.

12.17 224xx Xylite St NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend domestic. After investigating, the boyfriend was arrested.

12.20 235xx Ulysses St NE – Obstructing Legal Process, Warrant; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding. The driver stated he didn't have a license or insurance on the vehicle. He was issued a citation and allowed to drive the vehicle a block to get home. However, the passenger had a warrant. When the deputy told him he was under arrest, the male began fighting and he had a knife on him. Back-up was called and the male was arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

12.16 158xx Central Ave NE – an unsecured trailer stolen from a business; caught on surveillance

12.19 13xx Andover Blvd NE – a trailer was stolen from a business parking lot

Arrests

12.21 Hwy 65/133 Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for not having their headlights on and it was 3:30 am. When he made contact, the driver said she did not have a driver's license. She did have a warrant and she was arrested.

Linwood

Thefts & Damage to Property

12.19 67xx 229 Ave NE – damage to mailbox

Arrests

12.17 71xx 234 Ave NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical fight between an ex-boyfriend/girlfriend. After investigating, the girlfriend was arrested.

12.21 71xx 234 Ave NE – Domestic, No Contact Order Violation; deputies were called to a step son/father domestic. When they arrived, they learned the domestic was only verbal. However, there was a female at the location whom the son had a no contact order against. She was arrested.

Nowthen

Arrests

12.20 Nowthen Blvd/Old Viking Blvd NW – No Driver's License; a deputy ran a plate, and the driver came back as not having a license plate. The deputy made contact with the driver, and he stated he knew he didn't have a license. He asked if his friend could pick up the vehicle instead of it being towed. That request was honored because a friend was on scene, and the male was arrested.

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

12.19 221 Lane/Xenia St NW – pine trees on private property cut down; recently planted

Arrests

12.20 220xx Lake George Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies went to the location looking for a female with a warrant. They made contact with an occupant who stated the female was living out of a van in the back. She was located and arrested.

12.21 Viking/Nightingale St NW – DWI; a deputy observed a vehicle in the ditch and stopped to help. When she looked in the vehicle, it was empty. While on scene, a male in van returned but when he saw deputies, he ran. He was caught and appeared impaired. After investigating, this male was the driver. Field sobriety tests were refused but the male PBT'd .14. He was arrested.

**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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