



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 06.27.25

Scams

06.24 The victim reported he has been getting text messages from a friend of his. The text messages are advising him of a loan that he never has to pay back. The victim states the text messages are requesting him to call a phone number and give them personal information before he is approved for the loan. The deputy advised him if it seems too good to be true it probably is. He was advised to contact his friend and verify the text messages are indeed fake. The victim said he did not provide any information. The deputy advised him to block the number and don't click on anything.

06.24 The victim received a phone call today from someone impersonating the Anoka County Sheriff's Office. The caller told her she needed to pay for the ankle monitor for her son. She said her son turned himself in today and went to court, so the story was plausible. The caller initially wanted \$1500 or \$2500, but then lowered it down to \$750 with a "payment plan". The deputy advised the victim that the sheriff's office does not get involved with collecting payments for the courts or have anything to do with ankle monitors.

06.25 The victim met a woman on Facebook earlier in the night, and things escalated quickly. The female wished to webcast with each other as the victim showed himself touching his privates, which he agreed to. After the webcast, the victim received a phone call from a male demanding \$1000 in Bitcoin or he would expose the video of his privates to the victim's work and family. The victim explained that the male had sent a screenshot of the webcast to his 19-year-old son but did not locate any messages on his other children's phones. The victim was advised to block the number and discontinue contact with the account. The deputy explained the risks of exposing oneself online and the potential consequences that could result.

06.26 A deputy was asked to check on a male. He was contacted by someone posing as a representative from Wells Fargo Bank and swindled him out of money by buying gift cards. The victim received a pop-up box on his computer stating his account has been compromised and he needed to call Wells Fargo to straighten it out. He called the number in the pop-up box, and they told him his money needed to be transferred or he was at risk for losing it. He was told the only way he could do it was by getting gift cards and his money would be secure. He went to a few places and bought Apple, Target and Sophie gift cards. He gave the number to the person who was supposed to hold his money while the account was fixed. He said he was out a total of \$10,500. He has since worked directly with Wells Fargo and changed his account number. Wells Fargo could not help him recover his money as it was taken in cash and handed to a machine for the gift cards.

06.27 The victims were selling items on Facebook Marketplace. They had a mixer listed at \$10, when a "Rodriguez Phillips" messaged them asking to purchase the item. They agreed on a price and Rodriguez asked if his sister could pick up the item and he send them the \$10 via Venmo. They agreed and proceeded with the transaction. Rodriguez then told them that since they had a personal

account and that he had a business account, they would not be able to make the transaction. Rodriguez then offered to help them create a business account. He stated that there was a \$500 fee to start, and he would need that in the form of Apple gift cards. They then purchased and sent the gift card codes via Facebook messenger. After this, Rodriguez continued asking for more money to cover taxes and other misc. fees promising them that the money would be returned. They purchased various cards at various locations such as Dollar General, Kwik Trip, Speedway, and Target using various forms of payment including debit cards and credit cards, totaling over \$6000. The two victims then grew suspicious and asked for documentation of these fees and Rodriguez did not produce. Rodriguez then began threatening them with law enforcement action. They called the Sheriff's office. The deputy told them to cease communications with these parties and to contact their bank and credit card companies to possibly dispute the charges.

06.26 On the morning of 06/25/2025, the victim received an email appearing to be from PayPal, stating that she had purchased a 9mm firearm for \$995 and that her account would be charged. She does not have a PayPal account and did not authorize any such transaction. Concerned, she called the phone number listed on the receipt: 810-529-1945. She spoke with someone identifying themselves as "Shannon Brown". She was then transferred to an alleged "Fraud Department" for her bank. This individual identified himself as David Black and claimed he could see a pending charge of \$6,128 on her bank account. Black stated he would report the matter to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). Shortly thereafter, the victim received a call from someone claiming to be Officer Jason Matthews from the FTC. He sent a photo of an apparent FTC ID and instructed her to immediately withdraw all her money from the bank to avoid an alleged overdraft and protect her funds. He advised her to keep the phone line open, not to inform anyone, and to withdraw \$2,500 in cash. He also informed her that the bank was a part of the scam. She was then directed to deposit the cash into a Bitcoin ATM located in Anoka. She followed the instructions and deposited the funds to the apparent scammer's bitcoin.

06.26 The victim had been contacted by a guy named Gary who told him he won a Walmart contest and he was going to get a new car and 9.5 million dollars. He stated he was talking to this person for the last two days making arrangements but was told he needed to first pay for the insurance and fees associated with delivering the car and wiring the money to him. He was told to buy green dot gift cards from Walmart that were \$500 a piece, and he purchased 4 cards totaling \$2,000. He stated he read the gift card numbers over the phone to the male and then at 1600 hours today he was supposed to drop the car off. He stated Gary called him a few times, but he kept making up excuses and delaying their arrangement to drop off the car. The number used was listed out of Alabama.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.21 137xx Round Lake Blvd NW – an employee had his bike stolen during his shift

06.23 152xx Hanson Blvd NW – dumping at the recycling center; suspect identified

06.25 27xx 141 Ave NW – illegal dumping on private property; mattress

Arrests

06.19 Prairie Rd/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – No Driver's License; a deputy ran a plate and the registered owner came back with a cancelled license inimical to public safety. He stopped the driver, confirmed his identity and he was arrested.

06.21 159 Ave/Kiowa St NW – DWI 4th degree; a deputy was called to a male in the middle of the road, slumped over his steering wheel. He observed the male breathing and attempted to knock on

the windows with no response. He eventually woke up. He appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were failed. He was arrested. .15 Two guns were located in the vehicle.

06.23 Bunker Lake/Hanson Blvd NW – Recovered Stolen Vehicle; a deputy got a hit on a stolen vehicle. He waited for other deputies and stopped the vehicle. Two males bailed from the vehicle and ran. The two female passengers stated they didn't know the men that ran, and they didn't know the vehicle was stolen. One of the females had a warrant. She was arrested. A helicopter and drones were also up looking for the males. They have not been located.

06.25 Bunker/138 Ave NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for having expired tabs. She was identified and she had a warrant. She was arrested.

Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.19 1xx 237 Lane NE – vandalism; window on home broken

06.22 235xx University Ave NW – theft of metal from a dumpster at a business; suspects identified

Columbus

Arrests

06.20 Broadway Ave/Furman St NE – DWI Refusal; a deputy stopped a driver for reckless driving and speeding 86/65. The driver appeared impaired and stated he was coming from the liquor store. He stated he three beers and a shot. He refused to do field sobriety tests. He PBT'd .158 and he was arrested.

06.20 92xx 168 Ave NE – Domestic, No Contact Violation; a caller reported an adult female at the location who had a no contact order against her. The deputy arrived and located the suspect downstairs. She was arrested.

06.24 Lake Dr/Camp 3 Rd NE – Fleeing in Motor Vehicle, DWI; a deputy observed a vehicle speeding 100/65. The vehicle did not stop and took out a bank of mailboxes and continued going. It was driving through fields, neighborhoods, etc. The deputy decided to PIT the vehicle. He was successful and the male was taken into custody. He appeared impaired and was arrested. .162

East Bethel

Arrests

06.19 213xx Aberdeen St NE – Warrant Arrest; on routine patrol a deputy observed a male and female walking on the side of the road. He was familiar with them because he had just arrested the female and knew the male had an outstanding warrant. He stopped and the male was arrested.

06.20 39xx 191 Ave NE – Order for Protection Violation; a woman called because a male was at the location and she had a order for protection against him. The deputy reviewed the order and the male was arrested.

06.22 9xx 189 Ave NE – Assault x3; deputies responded to a call of three clients assaulting multiple staff members. All three females were arrested and brought to the juvenile detention center.

06.23 Hwy 65/245 Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a motorcycle for having no lights and it was 1 am. The driver was identified and he had a warrant. He was arrested.

06.24 227xx Sandy Dr NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy learned a male was staying at the location and he had a warrant. He went to the home; the owner answered the door and advised the male was sleeping downstairs. He was located and arrested.

Ham Lake

Arrests

06.20 134xx Hwy 65 NE – Drugs; a deputy ran a license plate, and the vehicle came back with a KOPS alert out of St Paul for an assault related to a drive-by-shooting. The deputy called St Paul PD and confirmed the warrant and probable cause for arrest. The deputy figured out the room the suspect was in and knocked, the male answered the door and was told to step out of the room. Once he was secured, drugs and paraphernalia were in plain sight. A warrant to search the room was obtained. The male was arrested.

06.21 Hwy 65/County Rd 10 – DWI 4th degree; a deputy stopped a driver for swerving and braking erratically causing other vehicles to go into the ditch. The driver appeared impaired. He stated he was fishing and drank 2 beers. Field sobriety tests were failed. He was arrested. .134

06.22 134xx Hwy 65 NE – Order for Protection Violation; a deputy observed a male and female together and knew the female had an order for protection against the male. He waited for the female to leave, went to the room, and arrested the male.

06.24 13300 Block Central Ave NE – No DL; a deputy stopped a driver for having no rear plate light. The driver was identified and stated she did not have a driver's license. It was confirmed she was canceled. She was arrested.

Linwood

Arrests

06.20 228xx Unser St NE – Malicious Punishment; deputies were called to a physical altercation between family members. After investigating, one male was arrested for malicious punishment of a child.

Nowthen

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

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.23 28xx 199 Ave NW – theft of a riding lawn mower from yard; key in it

06.25 185xx Lake George Blvd NW – recovered stolen vehicle out of Blaine located

06.26 188xx Blackfoot St NW – vandalism; juveniles pulling plants out of yard

Arrests

06.20 Lake George Blvd/206 Ave NW – DWI 3rd degree; a caller reported an impaired male leaving the location. A deputy was able to locate the vehicle and observed poor driving conduct and stopped the driver. The driver appeared impaired and stated he had one drink. Field sobriety tests were failed. He was arrested. .20

06.23 38xx 219 Ave NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a husband/wife domestic. They met with the wife who was the victim and gathered information. It was determined the husband

would be arrested. Deputies made entry into the home. The male was located hiding in a crawl space. 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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