



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 03.20.26

Scams

03.13 The victim stated that she received a letter from the IRS stating that someone had used her social security number to file taxes. She then called the IRS who gave her a large list of things she needed to do and one of them was filing a police report. The deputy gave her the case number for the incident and advised her to call if she needed further assistance.

03.16 The victim reported she received a call from someone who claimed to be from the Anoka County Jail, Sgt. Jacobs and Captain Novak. They said they needed bail money to get her son out of jail and that it needed to be completed by 1300 hours. The victim called the Anoka County Jail directly and confirmed there was no Sgt. Jacobs or Captain Novak and that ACSO would never call her for payments. She was advised to report the numbers online and not engage with them any further.

03.19 The victim showed a deputy copy of a check that someone had washed and cashed through her bank. The check was for \$4,767.87. She mailed it on March 5 from a post office box in Andover. The check was changed to say pay-to-the-order of "Fabiana Romano." On the back of the check it said, "for deposit only at Bank of America" with a signature of Fabiana on it. The victim stated that the money was posted on March 13, and she contacted the bank and advised them it wasn't written to Fabiana. Her bank stated the money was already in someone else's hands, and that she would need to report this to her local law enforcement agency.

03.19 The victim stated he received a phone call from a male who identified himself as Sgt. Todd Pierson with Ramsey County Sheriff's Office and called from phone number 651-419-9901. He said Sgt. Pierson told him he missed jury duty and now had citations he needed to pay. The victim drove to Speedway and purchased a four pack of gift cards and put \$500 on each gift card which totaled \$2,000. He read the numbers on the back of each gift card to the male over the phone and the citations were taken care of. The victim was advised this was a scam.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.14 152xx Hanson Blvd NW – theft of a wallet from an unsecured locker

03.18 16xx Crosstown Blvd NW – illegal dumping at recycling center; suspect identified

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Arrests

03.15 143xx Bluebird St NW – Order for Protection Violation; a caller reported an ex she has an order for protection against was at the location banging on windows and trying to gain entrance. He also stole the cameras from the home. When deputies arrived, he had fled. After reviewing videos and taking statements, an order to arrest him was put out. This is the male's third violation at this location.

03.19 Round Lake/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – License Violation, Cancelled IPS; a deputy stopped a driver on a motorcycle because he knew he didn't have a driver's license and was supposed to be using an "interlock" system. The male's identity was confirmed and he was arrested.

03.20 13310 Block of Crosstown Blvd NW – Interlock Violation; a deputy stopped a driver because his license plates were concealed. He was identified and his license required an interlock system and he did not have one. He also didn't have insurance. He was arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Arrests

03.16 94xx Lake Dr NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy located a male at the location and knew he had two felony warrants. He also had three dogs in the vehicle. The man's identity was confirmed and he was arrested. His sister and mother were called to pick up the dogs. One deputy took him to jail, the other waited for the family.

03.18 961xx 157 Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; the Aitkin Violent Crime Enforcement Team requested assistance to apprehend a male with an Itasca felony warrant for firearms. A plan was developed, and a drone was put up to monitor the scene. The SWAT team arrived and took over the apprehension. The man was confrontational but taken into custody.

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.17 194xx E Front Blvd NE – theft of a "temporary" license plate from a vehicle in the driveway

Arrests

03.13 9xx 189 Ave NE – Assault; deputies responded to a call of two clients, one male, one female outside and the male was assaulting the female. Deputies arrived and investigated. The male client was arrested.

03.18 13xx 187 Lane NE – DWI 2nd degree; a deputy was called to a vehicle that hit a pillar at a gas station and the male appeared out of it. The deputy arrived and spoke to the driver who stated he didn't hit anything even though there was damage to his vehicle. When asked for proof of insurance, the male open his Door Dash app. Field sobriety tests were failed. He was arrested. .271 Before being put in the squad he was searched and a bottle of Jack was found in his pocket.

03.19 9xx 189 Ave NE – Assault; deputies responded to a client that assaulted a staff member. The client was located and arrested.

Ham Lake

Burglaries

03.15 35xx 170 Lane NW – juveniles returned to parents after ding-dong-ditch; someone called in a possible burglary, the deputies located three juvenile males.

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.16 145xx Hwy 65 NE – theft from an RV parked at the location

Arrests

03.20 26xx 171 Lane NE – Restraining Order Violation; a woman called stating her brother whom she has a protection order against just pulled into her driveway. The suspect was still in his vehicle. Deputies arrived and he was arrested.

Linwood

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.15 69xx 227 Place NE – theft of a vehicle from the driveway; keys unknown

Nowthen

Arrests

03.18 St Francis/Viking Blvd NW – Domestic; a caller reported a male and female in a moving vehicle hitting each other. A deputy located the vehicle and stopped it. The male and female were identified. The male had a no contact order against the female, she was arrested.

Oak Grove

Arrests

03.13 200 Lane/Rum River Blvd NW – DWI 2nd degree; a deputy stopped a driver for swerving into oncoming traffic. When he made contact with the driver, he smelled alcohol. The male appeared impaired and stated he had some beers. Field sobriety tests were discontinued at the male's request. He took the PBT instead and blew .165. He was arrested. Charges were elevated due to a prior DWI.

03.16 198xx Orchid St NW – Interfere with 911 Call; 911 reported a male who was continuing calling 911 and harassing and threatening staff. He is well known to deputies, and they responded to his home to issue him a citation. The male was confrontational and tore up the citation. He stated he was not going to stop. 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.***

If you want to see data about what types of calls and how many we respond to log on to www.anokacounty.us/crimewatch and click on Crime Statistics on the left side. Stats are updated monthly.