



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 04.04.25

Scams

03.28 The grandson stated his grandmother was contacted by a person claiming to be with the Mega Millions and stated she had won a prize. They told grandma she needed to pay \$375 in order to get the prize. The grandson said the person is insisting that he is going to come to the house to give the prize today at noon. The grandson was advised they are not going to come to the house, but he could call us if he does observe anything suspicious. He was advised to contact his grandmother's bank and put a fraud alert on it.

04.02 The victim owns a construction business and was frauded out of \$65,000. He stated that on 3/31/2025, he was on his computer, and it went blank, and a message from Microsoft told him to call the number on the screen due to his computer being hacked. He called the number and spoke with a male who told him he would transfer him to a Wells Fargo contact to put his money into a safer account due to all his things on the computer being compromised. He said he spoke with a male who went by Sean Graft, who got him to wire transfer \$65,000 to what he thought was a safe bank account. He stated the next day he didn't feel right and went to the bank, and they stated he was scammed out of the money. He stated that they attempted to do a reverse wire to stop the money transfer, but it was unsuccessful.

04.03 The victim received a call on 04/01/2025, from a female claiming to be an employee from Wings Credit Union. The female stated that the victim's account was used to make fraudulent purchases. She was instructed that a law enforcement personnel would contact her. She then received a call from a "Jason Webber" - (323-244-4877) on 04/03/2025. Webber stated someone had bought a smart phone to her account. He then instructed the victim to go take out \$40,000 from her account and send it to him, so he can keep the money safe. Luckily, the victim's realtor came over to her house today and informed her that this was a scam.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.29 1075 Block 161 Ave NW – abandoned trailer at the location

04.02 158xx Vale St NW – a mailbox was blown-up; caught on camera, investigation continues

Arrests

03.28 139xx Eidelweiss St NW – Burglary; a woman was seen stealing a bike from an unsecured shed. The woman knew the occupants of the home. The suspect was located at Walmart in Coon Rapids and arrested.

03.31 16xx 155 Ave NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a husband/wife physical altercation. The husband was arrested.

04.01 142xx Inca St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend physical altercation. The boyfriend was arrested.

04.01 28xx 142 Lane NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies learned there was a female at the location with a felony warrant for burglary. She was located and arrested.

04.04 Bunker Lake/Parkview Lane – DWI 4th degree; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 66/50. The deputy smelled alcohol and the driver stated he had a couple beers. Field sobriety tests were failed. He was arrested. .17

Bethel

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

Columbus

Arrests

04.03 152xx Zurich St NE – Theft; a male took another man's wallet from a playing table. He removed the cash and through the wallet in the garbage. It was caught on tape. Security called and a deputy spoke to the suspect who "pled the 5th." He was arrested.

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.02 241xx Pierce St NE – tires deflated on a vehicle parked in the driveway

Arrests

03.31 241xx Skylark Dr NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy was at the location dealing with an animal complaint. It was discovered a male at the location had a warrant. He was arrested.

04.03 13xx 229 Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy was on routine patrol when he observed a male in a vehicle and knew he had a warrant. He stopped out with the driver, confirmed his identity, and he was arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.01 14xx 147 Ave NE – theft of 4 catalytic converters out of the back of a truck

04.02 36xx 140 Ave NE – theft of items left for the vets to pick-up

Arrests

04.03 7xx 169 Lane NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy was called to the location for suspicious activity. While on the scene, a male with a warrant was identified. He was arrested.

Linwood

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

Nowthen

Burglaries

04.01 83xx Viking Blvd NW – business; lock cut on storage unit – tools, motorcycle parts

Arrests

04.02 193xx Rhinestone St NW – Warrant Arrest; a probation officer from Renville County requested a deputy go to the location to try and find a male with a felony warrant. The deputy arrived, knocked, and the male answered the door. His identity was confirmed and he was arrested.

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.29 197xx Flintwood St NW – theft of three pine trees from the property overnight

04.02 24xx 199 Lane NW – illegal dumping

Arrests

03.29 215xx Butternut St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies were called by a mother who stated a father who appeared impaired was trying to pick up a child. The male was trying to put the child in a vehicle and he appeared high. He admitted to smoking marijuana in the garage. Being the male got physical with the mother, 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.