



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 05.23.24

Scams

05.19 The victim received a message from Microsoft on her desktop computer the end of April. The message stated that her computer has been compromised and she should call a specific number for assistance. She called that number and spoke with a female who identified herself as Sarah with technology support. Sarah reported that the victim has multiple viruses, some containing pornography, and transferred her to Gary with the FCC. The victim communicated with Gary several times over the next week and eventually pulled \$13,000 cash from her bank. At the direction of Gary, she brought the money to a Holiday Gas Station in Anoka and deposited the full amount into a Bitcoin machine as payment to rectify the computer/legal issues she was having. Gary attempted to get an additional \$24,800 from her but she called a deputy first and found out this was a scam.

05.20 The victim received a call from a male claiming to be Sgt. Williams from Marion County Sheriff's Office in Florida. The victim has a son that frequents jails in Florida and has been to Marion County Jail before. 'Sgt Williams' claimed he needed to use Paypal or Zelle to accept payments. In total, through multiple payments, the victim lost \$2,310. He advised that he felt rushed by the people on the phone and felt pressured to make the payments. He showed the deputy Zelle transactions that were addressed to a Jordan Lott and an Angelique Valdez.

05.21 On 05/20/2025 the victim received a phone call from a restricted number with a male claiming to be a Sergeant with ACSO. She stated the male advised her that she failed to show up for federal jury duty and had a warrant for her arrest. She was advised that there was a fine attached to the warrant that she would have to pay or she would be arrested and put in jail. He attempted to get her bank account information but she refused to give it to him. He advised her that she needed to go pull \$2,000 from her bank account and deposit the money into a Bitcoin Depot ATM. The victim went to a Bitcoin ATM in Anoka and deposited \$2K using the QR code the suspect texted her. She was told to go buy pre-loaded gift cards and send pictures of the back of them which she did. The victim stated that she was told to go to ACSO and wait for a handwriting expert because she was told if she didn't sign the jury duty paperwork, then she may be involved in a scam. She stated that she waited at ACSO for two hours before texting the suspect asking what's up and he replied that if she wanted her money back, she had to send a picture of her private parts. That is when she knew it was a scam and wanted it reported.

05.21 The victim stated he received a text message from someone claiming to be from Wells Fargo asking him if he made a large transaction at Target and he told them no. He got a response back with someone claiming to be from their fraud department telling him he needed to transfer all his money into a safe account they had created so they could investigate the fraud. He went to his bank and took money out of his account and transferred it to the google pay account they told him to send it too. He stated the tellers questioned what he was doing, but he was warned by the male claiming to be with Wells Fargo that it was an inside job and to not listen to them. He went through with the transfer and later found out it was a scam. Unknown loss.

05.21 The victim stated that he received a phone call from Anoka County Deputy Brian Collier in regard to paying a \$1500 fine to avoid a contempt of court charge. He was directed to go to Walmart in Blaine and make two \$750 wire transfers. Failing to do so would result in a warrant for his arrest. The victim made the transfer. He was later advised that he owed an addition \$500 court fee. At this point he caught on to what was happening and tried to get the transaction reversed but was unsuccessful. He is out \$1500.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

05.16 13xx 139 Ave NW – mailbox tampered with

05.18 140xx Aztec St NW – vandalism; gate torn off fence

05.22 139xx Round Lake Blvd NW – recovered stolen vehicle abandoned in business parking lot

Arrests

05.16 136xx Yukon St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical altercation between a juvenile and his grandmother. The juvenile was arrested.

05.16 165/7th Ave NW – Motor Vehicle Fatality; deputies responded to a two vehicle crash where one of the driver's ran from the scene. The driver of the other vehicle was deceased. A K6 and Drone were called out to look for the suspect. The male was located and appeared impaired. He seemed confused as to what happened. A detective came to the scene and interviewed the man. The state trooper took over the accident reconstruction. The suspect was arrested.

05.18 32xx 165 Lane NW – Assault; deputies responded to a call of two clients fighting. One had broken items in the home attempting to hurt the other. The staff said they could not physically touch the juveniles, so they called 911. Deputies got the situation under control and one female was arrested.

05.18 3500 Block 140 Lane NW – Warrant Arrest; while watching traffic, a deputy observed a male driving and knew he had an outstanding warrant. He stopped the driver and he was arrested.

05.19 20xx 167 Ave NW – No Contact Order Violation; deputies responded to a husband at the location and the wife has a no-contact order against him. He was damaging the home. When deputies arrived, the male was located sitting on a couch appearing to be having a mental break. He was arrested.

05.20 31xx 153 Ave NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical altercation between a boyfriend/girlfriend. The boyfriend was arrested.

05.21 14600 Block Round Lake Blvd NW – DWI 4th degree; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 59/45. The driver appeared impaired and stated she was at a party and had a drink. Field sobriety tests were failed. She was arrested. .15

05.22 137xx Underclift St NW – Burglary/Theft Tools; a resident called in a juvenile male attempting to break into vehicles. Deputies arrived and spoke to the male. He was a runaway out of Coon Rapids and stated he was attempting to break into the vehicles to steal valuables. He was arrested.

05.22 20xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies were called to a fight in the parking lot. When they arrived, they noticed a male with a laceration to the face walking away from the scene. He was stopped and identified. He had a warrant out of Ramsey County. Cocaine was also located on him. He was arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Arrests

05.16 92xx 168 Ave NE – No Contact Violation; a woman called and reported a female who she has a restraining order against was on her property. The deputies arrived and searched the home. The suspect was found hiding in the basement and arrested.

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

05.21 Maplewood Dr/Village Green Dr NE – a boat trailer was illegally dumped at the location

Arrests

05.17 Greenbrook/Briarwood Lane NE – DWI 3rd degree; a deputy stopped a driver for careless driving. The driver lit a cigarette while the deputy was walking up. He appeared impaired and stated he was coming from the bar and had 2 beers. Field sobriety tests were failed. He was arrested. .18

05.18 9xx 189 Ave NE – Assault; deputies responded to two clients assaulting each other. After investigating, a juvenile female was arrested.

05.19 46xx 224 Ave NE – Assault, Threats of Violence; deputies responded to a residence where an event was being hosted. One of the guests threatened two other guests with a gun and fled. After investigating, an attempt to locate and arrest the male was put out.

05.18 Viking/Sportsman Rd NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male driving and he knew he didn't have a license. He stopped the vehicle and issued the male a citation. The person in the passenger seat had a warrant, he was arrested.

05.22 Klondike/Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a vehicle because the tint on the window was too dark. The male was identified, and he had a warrant out of Mille Lacs County. Mille Lacs was contacted, and they wanted him arrested and would come pick him up. We obliged.

Ham Lake

Burglaries

05.19 21xx 152 Lane NE – entered through unlocked garage door, stole purse; family was home

05.19 150xx Hastings St NE – forced garage service door open, ransacked garage; family was home

Arrests

05.17 134xx Hwy 65 NE – Disorderly Conduct; deputies responded to the hotel for a fight happening between two males who were both intoxicated. One male appeared to be the instigator, and he was arrested.

05.21 169xx Chisholm St NE – Runaway; deputies were called to the location because of a habitual runaway showed up at their home and they did not want to get in trouble. The runaway had a warrant. She was arrested.

Linwood

Thefts & Damage to Property

05.22 51xx Fawn Lake Dr NE – theft of an unsecured trailer from the property; delayed report

Arrests

05.18 68xx 227 Place NE – Warrant; a deputy went to the location looking for a male with a warrant. He came to the door. His identity was confirmed. The deputy let him get dressed and have a smoke – he was then arrested.

05.19 242xx E Typo Dr NE - Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical altercation between a mother and son. The son was arrested.

05.22 Viking/Typo Creek Dr NE – No DL; a deputy observed a male driving and knew he didn't have a license. He was stopped, identified, and arrested.

Nowthen

Arrests

05.19 St Francis Blvd/Viking Blvd NW – No DL, Expired Registration, Stop Sign Violation; a deputy stopped a driver for blowing a stop sign. The woman was identified and she did not have a DL. She also was using a plate off another vehicle because her tabs were expired. She has been warned multiple times. She was arrested.

Oak Grove

Arrests

05.17 217xx Woodbine St NW – Fleeing, Warrant; a deputy was patrolling the park and located a male inside a vehicle with his pants down and a laptop on the seat. He made contact with the male who was uncooperative and fled in his vehicle. Deputies were able to pin the vehicle in. A high-risk stop was conducted. When the male was identified, he had a warrant. He was arrested.

05.17 10xx Sims Rd NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went to serve a warrant to a male. Another deputy went around the back if the male ran. When the guy came to the door he started fighting with the deputy. The other deputy heard the commotion and came to assist. The male 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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