



## **ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE**

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 05.30.25**

### **Scams**

05.24 The victim received a call and the person on the line played the role of a banker, explaining there was someone trying to open an account in California using his information, and they needed to confirm his information to prevent it from happening. The victim ended up providing them his name, DOB, SSN, address, passport information, bank account information, and bank card number. He realized this was a scam during the conversation and ended it. He called his bank starting a fraud investigation and froze his accounts with them. The bank told him he was not out any money at this point. He was advised to put a freeze on his credit as well to prevent them from opening any other accounts in his name.

05.27 The victim stated he received a call from someone who identified themselves as Agent Jennifer Williams with US Customs and Immigration. She told him that his accounts were being used in wire fraud and that they were freezing his social security number. She stated that he would be issued a new social security number and that any money he wanted to keep needed to be transferred into an account that she provided. The deputy explained that this was a scam.

05.28 The victim received an email today from someone claiming to be his boss. He said he didn't really pay attention to the email, but saw that his boss wanted to contact him by phone. The victim replied to the email with his phone number and shortly thereafter received a text message from, who he believed was boss. He asked him to get Target gift cards for employees. The victim said he thought it was weird but as a new employee he did not want to upset the boss, and he had already had to purchase items for work that he was reimbursed for. He went to Target and purchased some gift cards and texted the number back and the PIN number. In total, he purchased 10 Target gift cards with \$200 on them each, totaling \$2,000.

### **Andover**

#### **Thefts & Damage to Property**

05.26 179xx Crocus St NW – window on a camper van broken overnight

05.27 31xx 162 Lane NW – illegal dumping at the business

05.27 1500 Block Andover Blvd NW – a brick thrown at a moving vehicle, causing damage

05.28 9xx 151 Ave NW – theft of wallet out of an unlocked work truck at a job site

05.29 28xx 179 Ave NW – vehicle abandoned on private property; ignition punched

#### **Arrests**

05.23 Hanson/Jay St NW – DWI 4<sup>th</sup> degree; a St Francis police officer had a hit and run at Tasty's Pizza in their city. They called out the suspect vehicle information and a deputy located and stopped the driver. The driver appeared impaired and stated he "was not in the right head space." Field sobriety tests were failed. He was arrested. .152

05.24 Bunker/Heather St NW – No Driver's License, Insurance; a deputy stopped a driver for an illegal turn. The driver was identified, and he license was canceled. He also could not prove insurance. He was arrested.

05.25 142xx Quay St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a father/son fight and the father appeared impaired. After getting the story, the father was arrested.

05.25 136xx Crosstown Blvd NW – Assault; a customer was threatening a clerk because he would not sell him cigarettes because he didn't have an ID. The suspect was seen walking away. A deputy caught up with the male and a fight started. Multiple deputies arrived and the male was handcuffed. He was seen on store video assaulting the manager. He was arrested.

05.26 Hanson/167 Ave NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for varying speeds and poor driving conduct. The driver rolled down the back window instead of hers. While investigating, the passenger was identified. He first lied about his name because he had a warrant. He came clean and he was arrested. Meth was found in the vehicle.

05.26 Bunker/Hanson Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for no center break light. The driver was identified and had a warrant for drugs. He was arrested.

## **Bethel**

### **Arrests**

05.23 1xx Main St NW – Warrant Arrest; on routine patrol a deputy saw a male he knew had a warrant out of Mille Lacs County for 2<sup>nd</sup> degree drugs. The deputy stopped out and the male was arrested. Steroids were found on the male before putting him in the squad.

## **Columbus**

### **Arrests**

05.23 165 Ave/Furman St NE – DWI Refusal; deputies were called to a single vehicle crash. They located the driver who refused medical attention. He appeared impaired and open "shooters" were in the vehicle. He refused field sobriety tests stating he had too much to drink. He was arrested.

05.24 14400 Block 35W N – DWI 4<sup>th</sup> degree; a deputy was at a gas station and observed a male leave the pumps with his gas cap open. The driver stopped to close it and was stumbling all over. The deputy let him leave and observed poor driving conduct and stopped him. The driver stopped in the left lane of travel (wrong side.) He appeared impaired and had an open bottle of Scotch in the vehicle. Field sobriety tests were failed. .13

05.24 Zodiac/Headquarters Rd NE – No Driver's License, Insurance; a deputy stopped a driver for not having break lights. The driver was identified and he didn't have a license or insurance. He has been stopped numerous times. He was arrested.

05.26 Lake/Zurich St NE – No Driver's License; a deputy stopped a vehicle because there were no lights on his trailer. The deputy made contact with the driver and knew him from a previous stop that he did not have a DL. He was arrested.

## **East Bethel**

### **Arrests**

05.23 9xx 189 Ave NE – Assault x2; deputies responded to an incident at the care center. While they were there, a juvenile female resident kept walking up on deputies and not following directions. She attacked one of the deputies. She was arrested. While arresting the out-of-control one, another resident thought she would try her luck and fight with deputies. She was arrested too.

05.23 28xx Viking Blvd NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a father/son domestic. The son was arrested.

## **Ham Lake**

### **Arrests**

05.24 11xx 133 Lane NE – No Driver's License; a deputy stopped a driver for rolling a stop sign. The driver was identified and didn't have a license. He has been caught numerous times. He was arrested.

05.26 Bunker/Pierce St NE – DWI 4<sup>th</sup> degree; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 80/65. When asked why he was stopped he stated he knew he was speeding and tried to elude the deputy. The driver appeared impaired but denied drinking several times. He was also only 20. Field sobriety tests were failed. He was arrested. .120

05.27 14xx Flamingo Dr NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical altercation between a boyfriend/girlfriend. The girlfriend was arrested.

05.29 21xx Soderville Dr NE – Domestic Assault; deputies were called to a physical altercation between a grandfather/granddaughter. The granddaughter fled prior to deputies arriving. A deputy saw her and she ran into the woods. A K9 was called in to assist. She was located and arrested.

## **Linwood**

### **Burglaries**

05.23 55xx 215 Lane NE – window broke to gain access; AC unit was stolen

## **Nowthen**

### **Arrests**

05.25 224xx St Francis Blvd NW – Assault; deputies were called because three clients had assaulted two staff members. One was unconscious. The suspects fled. The attack was planned. A K9 and helicopter was called in to locate suspects. They will be arrested when found and due to the damage and injuries, the Criminal Investigation Division will be taking over the case.

## **Oak Grove**

### **Thefts & Damage to Property**

05.23 44xx 203 Lane NW – victim had their red mail flag up, observed a car stop and take the mail

05.24 5xx 195 Lane NW – theft of a license plate from a vehicle

### **Arrests**

05.27 221/Cedar Dr NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy saw a male driving and knew he had a warrant out of Isanti County. He stopped the vehicle and the man was arrested. He also did not have a driver's license or insurance.

05.29 1500 Block 196 Lane NW – DWI 3<sup>rd</sup> degree; a deputy stopped a driver for blowing a stop sign. The driver was identified and he had an ignition interlock requirement, which wasn't in the vehicle he was driving. The deputy smelled alcohol and field sobriety tests were failed. He was arrested. .117

***\*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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