



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 07.12.24

Scams

07.07 The victim reported a person she has been talking to on an app called Telegram is threatening to post sexually explicit photos of her online if she does not pay them \$500. She said she has been conversing with someone on Telegram. She said they had been exchanging sexually explicit photographs over the past few months. Recently this person asked her for money which she willingly sent. On 7/5/2024, the person contacted her and said if she did not give them \$500, that her photos would be sent to her work and posted on Instagram. She told the person she did not have the money and they lowered their asking price to \$50. The suspect continued demanding the money so she called ACSO. A search of both phone numbers listed VOIP services associated with Michigan and Atlanta, GA. I advised her this was a scam, not to send any money, and to block the account.

07.08 The victim received an email from PayPal that asked her to verify a purchase of \$988.89 on her account on her work computer. She didn't recognize this payment so she called the phone number listed in the email. She then got on the phone with the scammer who stated that he was going to give her a refund into her bank account. The scammer then gained remote access to her computer and made it look like they deposited \$9888.88 into her account. They then told her that a mistake had happened and that they needed the money back. They insisted that she go to the bank to retrieve the funds. She then went to the bank but felt skeptical about the ordeal and notified the teller of what was going on. The teller then froze all transactions as well as a cash advance of \$3500 from her credit card that the scammer had initiated. She didn't lose any money at this time.

07.09 The victim saw a Facebook post from her friend from high school that claimed that he was selling miscellaneous items such as furniture, tables, vehicles, and more due to the passing of his father. The victim was interested in some of the items and messaged him. She agreed to send \$4000 for the items. She sent \$2K through Zelle and was advised by her bank that she could not send any more money due to it being a new recipient. The seller then requested she send the remaining \$2K through Venmo. The victim stated that she never received any of the furniture so she reached out to her friend who said his FB page was recently hacked and he has been unable to access it.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 07.07 159xx Quince St NW – theft of mail; victim has been out of town since Friday
- 07.08 16xx Crosstown Blvd NW – illegal dumping; suspect identified and picked up furniture
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- 07.08 16xx Crosstown Blvd NW – illegal dumping; suspect identified and picked up the couch
- 07.09 135xx Poppy St NW – bike stolen near the baseball fields
- 07.11 140xx Rose St NW – park; vandalism to a cable box at the park
- 07.11 133xx Hummingbird St NW – hitch and mudflaps stolen off a vehicle

Arrests

07.05 Round Lake/161 Ave NW – DWI 4th degree; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 67/55. When he made contact, he smelled alcohol. The driver stated she had a shot about 2.5 hours prior. Field sobriety tests were failed. She was arrested. .083

07.06 Hanson/Station Parkway NW – DWI 2nd degree; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 66/55. When the deputy made contact, the driver was slurring his words and had a hard time handing his ID to the deputy. He stated he had been drinking earlier. Field sobriety tests were failed. He was arrested. .164

07.06 Bunker/Thrush St NW – DWI 4th degree; a deputy stopped a driver for not having any head or tail lights at 11 pm. When he made contact with the driver, he appeared impaired and stated he was coming from the movies. Field sobriety tests were failed. Being the driver was a minor, his parents were contacted. A warrant for blood was obtained. The juvenile was released to his parents and charged with 4th degree DWI.

07.10 Martin/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – DWI 3rd degree; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. When he went to greet the driver, the driver rolled down the wrong window. The deputy smelled alcohol. The driver stated he had about 5 drinks over the course of 6 hours. Field sobriety tests were failed. He was arrested. .148

Bethel

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

Columbus

Arrests

07.06 50xx 182 Lane NE – No Contact Order Violation; deputies were called to two males fighting. When they arrived, a woman who had a no contact order against her by one of the men was arrested.

07.07 Lake Dr/Interstate 35 – DWI 4th degree; a deputy responded to a motorcycle crash. The deputy went inside the ambulance to speak with the driver and he smelled alcohol. He denied drinking or taking drugs. Field sobriety tests were failed and he was arrested. .135

07.07 I35/E Viking Blvd NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy ran a plate and the driver came back with a DWI warrant. He stopped the vehicle and the male was arrested.

07.07 152xx Zurich St NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy was looking for a male at the location who had a burglary warrant out of Hennepin County. He was located walking into the food court and arrested.

07.10 8400 Block of lake Dr NE – DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 77/55. The driver appeared impaired and the deputy smelled alcohol. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested.

East Bethel

Burglaries

07.06 16xx 229 Lane NE – entered through unsecured service door; suspect rummaged through vehicles and entered the home – homeowner awoke and scared off intruder – credit cards used

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.05 10xx 212 Ave NE – mailbox damaged by fireworks

07.09 237xx Hwy 65 NE – theft of a dirt bike from behind a store

Arrests

07.05 Viking/Jackson St NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male driving and knew he didn't have a license but he did have a felony warrant for firearm possession by ineligible person. He stopped the vehicle. The driver's identity was confirmed and he was arrested.

07.09 Hwy 65/Viking Blvd NE – DWI 4th degree; a deputy observed a vehicle driving through closed portions of Hwy 65 and crash into a large pile of rocks. He went to assist. The driver appeared impaired and was mumbling. When asked what she was doing she thought everyone was just driving around the barricades. She smelled like alcohol. While looking in her vehicle, the deputy observed an open bottle of Cuervo, meth pipe, a dugout, and marijuana. Due to injuries, she was checked out by Allina and not able to do field sobriety tests. A warrant for blood was obtained and she was arrested.

07.11 9xx 189 Ave NE – Assault; deputies responded to a call for a client that assaulted a staff member. She was arrested.

Ham Lake

Burglaries

07.11 14xx 147 Ave NE – business; shattered front door, cash from register

Arrests

07.05 151xx Radisson Rd NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a family domestic between two males. One was arrested.

07.05 Hwy 65/177 Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male driving and knew he had a warrant. He was stopped, his identity was confirmed and he was arrested.

07.09 Lexington/155 Ave NW – Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped a driver because he knew she did not have a license. When asked, she knew her license was suspended, and she failed to show up for court 5 times so she was arrested. While searching the vehicle prior to towing, a gun and meth were located in the vehicle.

Linwood

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

Nowthen

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.07 84xx 211 Ave NW – nails scattered at the end of a driveway

07.11 81xx 199 Ave NW – advertisement banners stolen from the ball field

Arrests

07.10 224xx St Francis Blvd NW – Assault; deputies responded to a fight between two clients. One female was arrested.

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.05 217xx Narcissus Ct NW – mailbox damaged by fireworks

07.07 37xx 212 Lane NW – mailbox damaged by fireworks

07.09 203xx Eidelweiss St NW – unsecured vehicle rummaged through overnight; seen on camera

07.09 203xx Eidelweiss St NW – theft from unsecured vehicle overnight; wallet, drone

**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.