



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 03.01.24

Scams

02.23 A mother said her son received a random check in the mail for \$4,600 from an unknown person. The check was from an Affinity Plus Credit Union in New Jersey. Her son took the check to the bank and cashed it. The next day, the bank called her and said the check was fraudulent. She took the money back to the bank and the bank said they will take care of the check from their side and deposit the money back into the proper accounts. They are not out any money and have no loss.

02.26 The victim received a phone call from what appeared to be his wife's phone. The phone number and contact photo belonged to her. The victim answered the phone and heard his wife's voice on the other end. He said his wife sounded frantic and said she had been kidnapped. He then spoke to an unknown male who said he had kidnapped her and demanded financial payment for her release. The victim sent \$500 to a Zelle account. Shortly after the male said his account was overdrawn, and the victim needed to send an additional \$210 to the account to get the account to a \$0 balance. Shortly after sending the funds, the victim received a three-way text from his wife and daughter. He made contact with her and realized she was not in danger. He also reported the incident to his bank fraud department.

02.26 The victim reported she attempted to buy a couch on FB Marketplace yesterday. The seller was a "Fabian Gibson" who claimed to live on Franchise Ave W in Rosemount. The suspect agreed to deliver the couch for \$100 prepaid through the FB app, but he originally wanted payment via Cash App. Once \$100 was paid, the suspect blocked the victim on FB and did not show up.

02.26 We had a resident loose \$145K in a Bitcoin Scam. The victim advised he was contacted by the suspect who posed as an agent for his bank and needed him to withdraw his money from the bank and deposit it into bitcoin wallets to secure it. The victim withdrew cash and deposited it in five different Bitcoin machines and provided his "bank" with the transfer account numbers.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

02.26 134xx Wren St NW – vandalism; eggs and tp thrown at home causing \$3K in damage to siding

02.26 34xx 136 Lane NW – theft of snowblower from an unsecured garage

02.29 154xx Martin St NW – vandalism; eggs thrown at a home causing damage

Arrests

02.24 Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver because their vehicle lights were not working. While speaking with the occupants in the vehicle, something appeared off. Further investigation revealed a female in the vehicle had a warrant. She was arrested.

02.26 13xxx Silverod St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a mother/son domestic. The son was arrested.

02.27 152xx Bluebird St NW – Trespassing; deputies were called to the location due to a male harassing customers and employees and trying to go behind the counter. When they arrived the male had left; he was located nearby. The male was confrontational and originally just trespassed and asked to leave the business. The business called back because the male returned so deputies went back. Again, the man was confrontational and fought with deputies. He was arrested.

02.28 40xx S Enchanted Dr NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a roommate physical fight. After investigating, a male was arrested.

02.28 22xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – DWI Refusal, 2:53 pm; a deputy was called to a male slumped over in a vehicle in the parking lot while running. The vehicle was stopped in a traffic lane and the door was partially open. The deputy arrived and could smell alcohol. The male woke up and stated he had a “beer and a half”. He refused field sobriety tests. He admitted he was intoxicated and peeing in the parking lot. A warrant for blood was obtained. He was arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Arrests

02.25 14400 Block 35W Service Rd – DWI 4th degree, 12:01 am; a deputy observed a vehicle with its flashers on at the weigh station and stopped to offer assistance. He made contact with the driver who appeared impaired and stated he had run out of gas. Field sobriety tests were failed but he PBT’d .00. The driver did state he had taken drugs but did not know what kind. A warrant for a blood draw was obtained and he was arrested. Multiple prescription drugs were located.

02.25 152xx Zurich St NE – Domestic Assault; a female reported she was thrown out of a vehicle and had alcohol dumped on her by her boyfriend. Deputies arrived and located the male and female. After investigating, the male was arrested.

02.26 994xx Lake Dr NE – DWI 4th degree; a deputy stopped a driver for having expired tabs. The driver was rocking back and forth and speaking fast. The deputy asked if she had anything to drink and she replied no but she did smoke a marijuana. Field sobriety tests were failed. A warrant for blood was obtained and she was arrested.

East Bethel

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

Ham Lake

Burglaries

02.23 174xx 5th St NE – entered through open garage door, stole purse from car, used credit cards

02.23 20xx Soderville Dr NE – garage service door forced open; vandalized inside of home

02.26 28xx 180 Ave NE – attempted to steal dog from yard; owner yelled and suspect fled

Thefts & Damage to Property

02.28 157xx Van Buren St NE – theft of mail; cards with cash stolen

Arrests

02.23 Baltimore/105 Ave NE – Burglary; a caller reported a burglary. While investigating it, credit cards were being used at local businesses. A deputy located the male using the card. He matched the description of the suspect in the burglary case. After investigating, he was arrested.

02.23 171/Xylite St NE – Assault; deputies responded to a call of a male purposely hitting another male on an ATV with his vehicle. After investigating, the male in the vehicle was arrested.

02.24 Constance/Highway 65 NE – Recovered Stolen; a deputy ran a plate and the vehicle came back stolen out of Prior Lake. The deputy stopped the vehicle and arrested the driver. Meth was also located inside the vehicle.

02.26 39xx 160 Ave NE – DWI 1st degree, 2:02 pm – a deputy stopped a driver due to evasive driving and other suspicious activity. The driver stopped in a driveway and tried to enter the home before the deputy made contact, but failed. The driver smelled like alcohol. Field sobriety tests were failed and he was arrested. .169 Charges were elevated due to 9 prior DWIs.

Linwood

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

Nowthen

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

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

02.29 226xx Cedar Dr NW – lock cut off a storage unit; motor, plow, auger, 3-wheeler

**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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