



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

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 06.14.24**

### **Scams**

06.10 The victims advised earlier in the day, the wife received an email regarding an unpaid toll ticket. She clicked on the link which took her to another page requesting her social security number and phone number. She realized this was a scam and closed the email. Shortly after, the husband's computer began to beep at him and show an alert that \$6,000 was used on Worldpoker.com. They then received a phone call from Richard Jones advising them that he could fix the issue and had them speak with another representative who 'specialized' in fraud cases. The representative stated they needed to withdraw \$10,000 and deposit it at a Bitcoin ATM to make their money more 'secure.' The couple went to their bank and withdrew \$7K due to there being a limit on their account. While they were doing this, they were on the phone with the scammer who was telling them not to speak with the tellers about the incident at hand because the tellers could not be trusted. So they did not speak about the incident and went to the ATM to withdraw an additional \$1,000 in cash. They then went to the Holiday gas station to deposit the \$8,000 into the Bitcoin machine. The wife had noted that there were signs on the machine warning customers about fraud cases like this, but she did not realize. A female had come up to her and asked her if she was alright, but once again, the male on the phone told her not to speak with anyone. After the money was deposited, the scammer had them confirm the last 4 characters on the BTC Address. The male then told them to go to Affinity Plus in Roseville to see if they could withdraw more money since a different branch wouldn't limit them on how much they withdrew. At this point, the couple were told there was a limit and were brought to the back by a representative and advised they were being defrauded. The couple contacted Bitcoin who advised the transaction could not be reversed.

### **Andover**

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

- 06.08 136xx Quinn St NW – illegal dumping in a business dumpster
- 06.09 139xx Wintergreen St NW – three neighbors had their mail ripped and put back in the mailbox
- 06.09 Hanson Blvd/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – juvenile males shoot at a vehicle with a paintball gun
- 06.11 156xx Avocet St NW – theft of mail; money stolen from a graduation card
- 06.11 152xx Wintergreen St NW – vandalism; 4 males on bikes damage front door by kicking it

#### **Arrests**

06.08 Bunker Lake/Underclift St NW – DWI 4<sup>th</sup> degree; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 57/45. When he made contact, he smelled alcohol. The driver stated he had 3 to 4 drinks. Field Sobriety tests were failed. He was arrested. .087

06.08 Round Lake/152 Lane NW – DWI 3<sup>rd</sup> degree; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding. The driver did not stop, and the deputy followed. The vehicle went into a neighborhood and finally stopped. The deputy gave commands for the driver to exit the vehicle and he did. He was combative and placed in handcuffs. The deputy smelled alcohol. He was arrested.

06.09 162xx Tulip St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend physical assault. When they arrived, the house was in disarray. The boyfriend was arrested.

06.09 Hanson/181 Ave NW – Warrant Arrest, No Driver's License; a deputy ran a plate, and the registered owner had a felony warrant. The deputy stopped him and confirmed his identity. He was arrested.

06.10 143xx Eagle St NW – Obstruct Legal Process; deputies were called to a civil issue that turned into a fight in the street over a grill. It is still a civil issue but one of the people involved was issued an Obstruction of Legal process citation.

06.10 Northdale/Main Street – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for a loud muffler. When the male was identified he had two felony warrants. He was arrested.

## **Bethel**

### **Arrests**

06.10 1xx Main St -Trespassing, POR Violation; deputies were conducting monthly check on predatory offenders. A male lied about where he was living. After investigating deputies were able to locate him in Bethel. He was arrested.

## **Columbus**

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

06.11 154xx Hornsby St NE – headlights stolen off a semi parked at the location

### **Arrests**

06.10 152xx Zurich St NE – Disorderly Conduct, Trespass; deputies responded to a fight between two older females (50/61) at the location. It all started because one bumped into the other. The fight was broken up and video of the incident was reviewed. The fight appeared mutual and both women were trespassed.

## **East Bethel**

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

06.07 209xx Buchanan St NE – window on the back of a van broken out; nothing stolen

06.07 33xx 212 Ave NE – damage to mailbox overnight caused by a vehicle

06.12 209xx Buchanan Ct NE – attempted to pry garage door open; no entry made

### **Arrests**

06.08 9xx 189 Ave NE – Assault; deputies were called to 10 clients involved in a fight. When they arrived, they were able to break up the fight. One person was arrested and two were taken to the hospital and they will be charged after they are released from the hospital.

06.11 221 Ave/Hwy 65 NE – DWI 2<sup>nd</sup> degree; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct and speeding (72/65). The deputy immediately smelled alcohol when he made contact. Field sobriety tests were failed and he was arrested. .189 Charges were elevated due to a prior DWI.

06.11 Hwy 65/Sims Rd NE – No Driver's License; a deputy stopped a male because he knew he did not have a driver's license. He was arrested.

06.11 Hwy 65/233 Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 86/65. The driver was identified and he had a warrant. He was arrested.

06.13 214xx Aberdeen St NE – Fraud, Warrants, Drugs; a deputy was called to a bank because two males were trying to cash fake checks. The deputy located the males inside the bank and they were identified. Both had a history of passing bad checks and both had warrants. They were arrested. While being arrested, one of the males stated he had meth and fentanyl in his pockets.

## **Ham Lake**

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

06.10 14xx 133 Lane NE – window on vehicle busted out in fitness parking lot; purse stolen

06.10 157xx Lincoln St NE – multiple mailboxes hit by a vehicle

06.13 34xx 138 Lane NE – vandalism; a home was egged causing damage to siding

### **Arrests**

06.07 14xx Constance Blvd NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a mother/daughter fight that occurred in a vehicle. The mother called 911 and met deputies. The daughter was arrested.

06.09 169 Ave/Hwy 65 NE – DWI 3<sup>rd</sup> degree; a deputy was called to an “unwanted” person in a home. Before he arrived, the person had left. The vehicle was located and stopped. The driver was the male involved and he appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were failed. He was arrested. .23

06.11 Jefferson/Bunker Lake Blvd NE – DWI 3<sup>rd</sup> degree; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. When the deputy made contact he smelled alcohol. The driver stated he had nothing to drink. Due to the driving conduct field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .18  
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06.11 Bunker Lake/Eveleth – Fleeing in Motor Vehicle; a deputy attempted to stop a male because he did not have a license. He fled and the pursuit was terminated due to safety concerns. After investigating and speaking to witnesses, the suspect was identified and a deputy went to his home. While speaking with the male, another critical incident happened that necessitated the deputy to respond. The male will be charged via citation.

06.13 Lexington/133 Lane NE – No Driver’s License, No Insurance; a deputy ran a plate and the registered owner came back revoked. He stopped the driver who stated he didn’t have a license or insurance. The deputy saw that he had been stopped 4 times for the same infraction without making it right. He was arrested.

## **Linwood**

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

## **Nowthen**

### **Arrests**

06.07 67xx 207 Ave NW – Order for Protection Violation; a male violated an OFP that his daughter has against him. An attempt to locate and arrest him was put out.

## **Oak Grove**

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

06.08 5xx 195 Lane NW – illegal dumping on private property; tree stumps, trash

### **Arrests**

06.10 44xx 214 Ave NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy learned a female was at the location and she had two warrants. He went to arrest her. Her boyfriend tried to interfere but eventually she was taken into custody.

06.13 189xx Lake George Blvd NW – Trespassing; a deputy was called to the location because a woman who was trespassed the day before returned to the bar. She was located and 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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