



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 08.30.24

Scams

08.24 The victim reported she was contacted via FB messenger by a person ID'ing themselves as Alex Aguilar claiming to be from Texas. They said they wanted to buy an item from his FB page. They agreed upon a price of \$100 plus fees and shipping for a total of \$135. The victim sent her Venmo link and Alex said he tried sending a payment and his payment to her was declined. He messaged her to send a refund transaction of \$100 from her Venmo account to his so he gets the correct link. She sent \$100 and Alex said it bounced back and told her to send it again. She did. Later, she realized \$200 was taken from her account and the link he gave her was not a correct Venmo account. She has not heard anything more from Alex and his FB account is gone.

08.24 The victim advised me that he had recently found a Galaxy S24 Ultra on Facebook market place for sale. He setup a meet with the person selling the phone at Sand Creek Elementary in Coon Rapids. He was met by a younger looking black juvenile around 14 years old. The victim looked at the phone and believed the phone to be legit and he paid the male \$500 for the phone. Once he returned home he started to notice things about the phone making him realize he bought a fake phone. The profile on Facebook he bought it from showed a name of Jasmine Smith with a photo of a white dog. He said that same profile has multiple phones that they still have up on the site.

08.26 The victim stated that on Saturday he received a phone call from the Clearinghouse Sweepstakes with a caller who identified himself as "Dr. Dave Sawyer". The caller stated that he had won \$10,000,000 and that he would need some information to receive it. He gave the caller his MN DL# and the name of his bank. The caller then asked him to open a new account, to which he refused. The deputy advised him to monitor his credit accounts.

08.28 The caller reported a suspicious phone call she received about her Medicare number. She stated that she had received four phone calls from two different numbers asking her for her Medicare number for a back brace upgrade. She stated that she already has a back brace and is not due for another one.

08.29 A father reported his daughter was a victim of a fraudulent scam. She was contacted by an unknown person claiming to be with the Wells Fargo Fraud Department. They told her that her account had been compromised and that she needed to withdraw her funds and deposit them into a different account at an ATM. She went to her bank and withdrew all the money from her account. She was provided a credit card account to enter into the ATM and she deposited \$6,100 to this account. There was a temporary PIN she had to use to put the money in that account.

08.29 A brother is reporting for his brother who is a low functioning adult. He said that he found out that his brother had attempted to deposit a \$5,000 check which never cleared. He said that his brother then put his own money on gift cards and sent them to a person via text message @ 316-

277-4802 and is now out \$50,000. He believes that his brother met these people in his online gaming world and that is how he got scammed.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

08.24 133xx Jay St NW – tires on a vehicle parked in the driveway overnight slashed with knife

Arrests

08.25 3xx 141 Ave NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical altercation between a father and adult son. After investigating, the son was arrested.

08.26 175xx Hanson Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies were called to an “unknown” disturbance. When they arrived they located a male sitting in the driveway. He was intoxicated and had 11 warrants. He was arrested. His mother also requested he be trespassed from the property.

08.27 7 Ave/153 Ave NW – DWI 4th degree; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 70/55. When asked what was going on, she said her sister had been beat up and she was heading to help her. The deputy requested St. Francis PD go to the address of the domestic to see what was going on, and there was nothing. The driver appeared impaired and stated she had a couple drinks. Field sobriety tests were failed. She was arrested. .12

Bethel

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

Columbus

Arrests

08.24 152xx Zurich St NE – Robbery; this incident involves a male and female who had just met each other on a dating site. Something went wrong and the woman went to leave when the male reached inside her vehicle and tried to steal her purse that was around her neck. Deputies were called and after investigating and watching tapes, the male was arrested.

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

08.23 12xx 185 Ave NW – vandalism; wires on vehicle stereo cut

Arrests

08.25 42xxx Thielen Blvd NE – DWI 3rd degree; a caller reported a male who had fallen off a dock and then backed his whole truck into a lake at a boat landing - he requested his welfare checked. A deputy arrived and located the male who appeared impaired. The male stated he wasn't driving the truck; uninvolved witnesses at the scene were willing to testify he was. He was arrested. .18

08.25 9xx 189 Ave NE – Assault x2; deputies responded to two female clients assaulting a staff member and damaging property. Deputies arrived. The two females were charged with assault.

08.27 181xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy was called to a male breaking into a home. When they arrived, they located a male who had been trespassed from the mobile home community and had multiplied warrants. He was arrested.

08.27 243xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy learned a male was in the area and had an active felony warrant. After searching, he was located inside an address and arrested.

Ham Lake

Arrests

08.25 70xx Ivy Lane NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy learned a male was at the location with a warrant. He went to the home and the male was arrested.

08.27 Hwy 65/Constance Blvd NE – DWI Refusal; a deputy responded to a caller that reported a vehicle ran a red light and was driving erratically. The male was located sitting in front of his vehicle with cuts to his head. He appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were failed and he blew a .279. He refused the final test so a warrant for blood was obtained and he was arrested.

08.28 21xx 175 Ave NE – No Contact Order Violation; a caller reported a male at the location in violation of a no-contact order. Deputies went to the home and spoke with the homeowner. The home was searched and the male was located. He was arrested.

08.29 Hwy 65/Crosstown Blvd NE – DWI 4th degree; a caller reported a possible drunk driver. A deputy located the vehicle and stopped it for failing to maintain its lane. The driver appeared impaired and failed field sobriety tests. She was arrested. .12

Linwood

Thefts & Damage to Property

08.28 236xx Sunset Rd NE – sheets of plywood stolen from a job site

Arrests

08.25 216xxn Viking Blvd NE – Warrant Arrest; a resident called and complained about some squatters living a family member's home. After investigating, it was learned that one of the squatters had a warrant. Deputies went to the location to arrest him. The caller was given information about the court procedure that needs to be done to evict the squatters.

08.27 85xx 239 Lane NE – Domestic, DWI; a caller reported a physical domestic between his mother and her boyfriend. The boyfriend had left in a vehicle prior to deputies arriving. He was located by deputies and stopped – he briefly fled (in East Bethel) but then stopped. He was impaired. He was combative and refused to test.

Nowthen

Burglaries

08.25 3112 Bridge St NW – business; attempted burglary by 4 runaway juveniles, suspects caught

Arrests

08.23 St Francis Blvd/Norris Lake NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy learned a male had a felony warrant for drugs out of Spring Lake Park. He stopped the vehicle he was driving and arrested the male.

Oak Grove

Arrests

08.23 229 Ave/Bluebird St NW – Drugs; a deputy stopped a driver for having a headlight out. The driver was identified. The male lied about having insurance. Because of the no insurance and lying, he was arrested. While searching his vehicle prior to towing, meth, marijuana, and unlabeled prescriptions were located.

08.23 44xx 222 Ave NW – Tamper with Motor Vehicle; a client from a facility in the area ran from the campus and attempted to steal a truck. The owner saw the suspect and called 911. The suspect was arrested.

08.29 13xx 205 Ave NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical altercation between a juvenile and her parents. After investigating, the juvenile 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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