



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 03.19.22

This week we received three reports where the caller said they received a call from a Sgt. Anderson at the Anoka County Sheriff's Office. Sgt. Anderson said they have a warrant for contempt of court because they did not show up for jury duty. The scammer uses a real Anoka County Judge's name. One party paid \$1200; the second two did not pay and hung up because it started to sound like a scam. Below is one example.

03.14 I was dispatched a phone call regarding a suspicious phone call she received from a person claiming to be a ACSO Sergeant. She stated the person identified himself as Sgt. Mitchell Anderson. She said Mitchell advised her they signed a complainant against her and she needed to report to the Sheriff's Office or they would be coming to her address to arrest her. She advised the male said her address. The victim stated the male hung up on her when she questioned the legitimacy of the call. She said she called the number back and the person answered the phone Anoka County Sheriff's Office. I advised the victim she does not have any warrants, and to hang-up on the person the next time he calls. The victim stated the phone call came from 763-312-7800.

Scams

03.15 I was dispatched to a call for potential fraud. The victim received a letter in the mail informing him that he has received a final notice for claiming a 100-dollar gift card to Target or Walmart. He informed us he had called both Target and Walmart to confirm with them the authenticity of this letter. He said, "I called Walmart, but was placed on hold so long I just hung up. I did call Target, however, and they informed me that this was not them and more than likely a scam." The victim proceeded to call the number on the card anyway. After speaking with the individual from the letter he was told that if he gave them a credit card number for \$1.95 as a processing fee they would send him a gift card. He stated that he called us about an hour after providing his credit card number, to see if it indeed was a scam or not. I attempted to assist him over the phone by canceling his card to prevent potential loss. The victim was having a difficult time locating the customer service number on the back of his card to call them. I decided to go to the house and assist him in canceling his credit card.

03.15 I was dispatched to a phone call fraud report complaint. I called the reporting party and she stated the following: at 1230 hours today her grandfather received a phone call from 800-642-7676. He was on the phone with the caller from 1230 hours to 2121 hours, with the caller demanding he provide his 401k information, otherwise the caller would call the FBI. The caller already had some of victim's personal information and was able to acquire more from him. He stated that the caller did have his social security number. The caller stated that his extension was 425-396-9898. I informed the granddaughter to tell her grandparents to call the credit bureau and put a freeze on their credit to prevent future fraud. I also told her to call Social Security to request a new social security number for him to prevent fraud.

03.16 The victim advised that he had been receiving phone calls from a company in Florida (First Source) who claimed that he had written a check for over \$1900 and closed the account. They further advised that he would be charged with fraud but could avoid that by paying them \$600. The victim advised that he did not have a checking account from the bank they claimed. He checked his credit score, called the bank in question, and utilized a credit and fraud service to determine that this was a fraud. He simply wanted to report this and get more information. I explained that he had already taken the proper steps and that this appeared to be a common fraud tactic.

03.16 The victim called to report that she had purchased some concert tickets from someone on Facebook and never received the tickets. She said she doesn't know the person other than "Amber Ray" on Facebook. She just saw that she was selling tickets to a concert that she wanted to go to. She said she used her Wells Fargo Zelle to send her \$200. She said she never got the tickets and Amber Ray has stopped responding to her.

03.17 I was dispatched a phone call on a fraud report. I spoke with the victim who stated that a male called and stated he was from Excel Energy and that she had a bill for \$248.72 that she needed to pay. She said the male advised her to go to Kwik Trip to get a Visa card to pay for it. She went to Kwik Trip and got the card then when she got home, she call 911 to asked about it. I informed her that I was glad she called before giving them the card number because it was a scam. I told her that she could call Excel Energy and check with them about her bill if she wanted to but that they would never have her get a Visa card to pay for a bill.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.14 20xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – a running, unlocked vehicle was stolen from the parking lot

Bethel

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

Columbus

Arrests

03.15 15300 Block 35 NE – 3rd degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 91/70. When the deputy made contact, the driver appeared impaired but stated he had not consumed any alcohol. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .178

East Bethel

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

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.12 9xx 138 Lane NE – garage door spray painted with obscenities

03.15 146xx Aberdeen St NE – bobcat and trailer stolen from property; lock cut off

Arrests

03.12 18xx 171 Ave NE – Domestic Assault, DWI; a deputy observed a vehicle that had a KOPS alert on it due to the registered owner being involved in a domestic assault incident. He stopped the vehicle and the passenger was the male we were looking for so he was arrested. The female driver appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested.

03.12 14xx Constance Blvd NE – Drugs, Warrant; a deputy ran a plate and the registered owner came back with a warrant out of Hennepin County. He waited for the person to return to the vehicle and he was arrested. While searching him prior to putting him in the squad, the male stated he had drugs in his underwear. The deputy found meth and marijuana.

03.12 70xx Ivy Lane NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical fight between a husband and wife. The wife was able to escape the home and request a neighbor call 911. When they arrived, the husband was located and arrested.

03.14 16200 Block Hwy 65 NE – Drugs; a deputy stopped a driver for having expired tabs. When he made contact with the driver, the vehicle smelled like marijuana. The deputy asked if there were any drugs in the vehicle and at first, he said no, but then said yes. The vehicle was searched, and marijuana was located. When the suspect was searched prior to being put in the squad, meth was located on him.

03.15 17xx 166 Ave NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a domestic between two female former roommates. One woman was arrested.

Linwood

Arrests

03.14 5xxx S Linwood Dr NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy was requested to assist a Chisago County Investigator in an effort to locate a male who is a suspect in a murder in WI. While they were talking to the property owner, a male and two women were walking up the driveway. The male was the one they were looking for and he was arrested.

Nowthen

Arrests

03.13 6900 Block Viking Blvd NW – 3rd degree DWI; on routine patrol a deputy observed a vehicle driving eastbound on the southside ditch with heavy front-end damage – and had its hazards on. He stopped the vehicle to see if he could help. The driver appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .17

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.16 189xx Cedar Dr NW – vandalism to the learning center; accessing roof and gas pipes

**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.