



## **ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART**

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 04.01.22**

We received this report this week and I wanted to share it. It isn't the first report like this I have seen, and it is becoming more common. This is an example of why you need to continue to talk to your kids about social media safety and keep the lines of communication open with them. It is a good thing that this 16-year-old came to his parents for help. There are evil people out there, many on social media, that can mess-up your life.

03.30 A parent called to report that her son is being harassed via social media. Unknown suspect(s) have opened an anonymous Twitter account to harass him. The account is falsely claiming that her son has accounts on several pornographic websites. The suspect(s) have opened accounts on these websites in his name with his email; he has had account verification emails sent to him. This information has now transferred to his school twitter account and a recruiting account. The mother is concerned this may negatively impact his college recruitment efforts and strain relationships with his classmates. I encouraged the mother to contact the School Resource Officer and to also contact Twitter directly; it's possible the account or posts could be removed if they violate Twitter standards. The mother requested this be documented as information only at this point.

### **Scams**

03.25 I spoke with the caller by phone regarding a suspicious phone message she received from a male who stated that he is "LT. Jay Callahan with the Anoka County Sheriff's Department's Warrants and Citations Division". The message told her to call him at (763)317-6837 or the non-emergency number at (763)319-8549. She said that the message appeared to be some type of scam so she wanted ACSO to be aware of the situation.

03.28 The victim reported answering an ad for a vehicle for sale on 03/20/22. A price was negotiated, and the victim received a shipping voucher for the 2006 Chevrolet Silverado that he agreed to buy. He received the voucher on 3/24/22 and paid the agreed-upon amount of \$1200 on 3/26/22. At the seller's request, he paid with eBay gift cards. The victim called 1-818-900-2590 and gave the gift card numbers over the phone. He communicated with the seller, Michelle Miller, by her email address of [millermich87@gmail.com](mailto:millermich87@gmail.com). The victim hasn't received the car nor has had any communication with the suspect since the phone call.

03.31 I called the reporting party and she stated she received a series of pop-ups on her computer saying that she was hacked. She ended up clicking on one of the pop ups and was called by 2 individuals. She stated she talked to a Markus Hall 201-588-6263 and a Noah Hairton 646-992-4887 on the phone. She stated that those 2 individuals told her that \$15,500 was stolen from her bank account and not to contact her bank. The 2 individuals wanted her to get gift cards to pay for a transaction fee to get the money back. She stated she hung up the phone on them and called her bank. Her bank stated that no money was taken, and they can freeze her account. Her bank instead closed and created a new account to move the funds into.

03.31 The victim advised that he had an RV for sale and had been communicating with a person in Texas regarding its sale. He said the person seemed suspicious and they had not agreed on a sale yet. Today he received a check in the mail from a business account "Enriched Energy Solutions." The check was for \$96,950. The victim found this suspicious and was able to look up the owner of the business. The owner advised that the account in question had been compromised and closed over two years ago and that the check was fraudulent.

## **Andover**

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

03.26 35xx 159 Ave NW – flagpole in front yard run over with a vehicle

03.29 152xx Hanson Blvd NW – vandalism at the Comm. Center; 2 juveniles identified & trespassed

### **Arrests**

03.27 161/Round Lake Blvd NW – Criminal Vehicular Operation; deputies responded to a crash where there were serious injuries. They spoke with the driver who appeared to cause the crash and he appeared impaired. He refused field sobriety tests and a PBT. He was arrested.

03.27 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Disorderly Conduct, Warrant, Shoplifting; deputies were called to the location for 4 people refusing to leave after one of them defecated in an aisle, someone was riding on a motorized cart, that they were possibly shoplifting, and that they were threatening to punch staff members in the face. When they arrived, they ran each of them for warrants. One female had a warrant out of Hennepin County. She was arrested.

03.28 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Shoplifting; deputies responded to an active shoplifter at the location. When they arrived, asset protection had followed the male out of the store and he was arrested.

03.30 7x 157 Ave NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical altercation between a father and son. The son was arrested.

## **Bethel**

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

## **Columbus**

### **Arrests**

03.25 152xx Zurich St NE – Disorderly Conduct, Trespassing; deputies responded to a call of a disorderly male in the hotel. They arrived and the suspect had barricaded himself in his room. He was eventually removed and arrested.

03.30 15300 Block I35 – Controlled Substance; a deputy was running radar and observed a vehicle doing 86/70 and he stopped him. When he made contact with the driver he smelled marijuana. The driver stated he did not have insurance or current tabs. Marijuana was visible in the vehicle. The vehicle was searched and multiple loaded guns, a scale, and other paraphernalia related to selling drugs was found. The male was arrested and a the grandfather came to pick up a juvenile that was in the vehicle.

04.01 146xx Lake Dr NE – Burglary/Theft Tools; deputies responded to a report of a burglary in progress. The business has cameras and the owners were alerted via video that someone was on their property, and they called 911. When deputies arrived, they observed an open door and a K9 searched the building. He located a male and female. After investigating, one of the suspects admitted being there to cut off catalytic converters. A male and female were arrested.

## **East Bethel**

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

03.25 45xx Wild Rice Dr NE – damage to vehicle and garage door caused by a bullet

03.27 202xx Polk St NE – tags stolen off the license plate of a vehicle parked at the location

## **Ham Lake**

### **Arrests**

03.28 13xx Flamingo Dr NE – Terroristic Threats, Domestic Assault; deputies responded to the location because a caller reported her ex-boyfriend was trying to break into her house and making threats to kill her. When they arrived, they located the male outside the house, and he was arrested.

03.28 133xx London St NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a mother/son domestic. The son was arrested.

03.28 14xx Constance Blvd NE – Drugs; a deputy stopped a driver for no rear-bumper or lighting. The driver didn't have a license present and told the deputy a name. The deputy ran the name, and the photo did not match the driver. The deputy did eventually figure out who the male was and he was arrested for lying. While being booked into jail, cocaine was located on the male.

## **Linwood**

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

## **Nowthen**

### **Arrests**

03.27 81xx Viking Blvd NW – Disorderly Conduct; deputies responded to the location for a male who was kicked out of a bar and was refusing to leave. He was located and arrested.

## **Oak Grove**

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

03.25 208xx Cedar Dr NW – theft of a construction trailer from a jobsite overnight

### **Arrests**

03.25 181/Round Lake Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; while deputies were responding to a call of an impaired driver, they came across a male with a felony warrant. He 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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