



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 07.23.21

This was a funny report I read this week and wanted to share. I haven't seen this before.

A neighbor called to report that she heard a female yelling and someone saying, "put your hands up." We arrived and found a male playing Grand Theft Auto on his computer.

Scams

07.16 Victim was scammed by someone posing as a representative from Direct TV and AT&T calling from 855-673-0203. They told her they could lower her bill. Ironically, she had spoken to Direct TV 3-4 weeks earlier and was able to lower her bill by \$13 so she was excited to lower it more. They told her they would enroll her in the loyalty program to lower her bill. They told her to purchase Apple gift cards and they would refund the difference. In the end, she had purchased \$2,100 in Apple Gift Cards and sent pictures of them to the representative. The rep's name was Edward Green at 609-761-2888 and was also the same number she texted the pictures of the cards to. When she questioned Green, she was sent to a Mark Buttener at 609-269-4252. She stopped sending anything when they kept telling her she was sending the wrong amount.

07.16 A victim stated that AT&T advised her to call a number to get a TV added to her plan. She said when she called the number a male said she would need to get 2 \$200.00 gift cards to update her account and pay her bill. She said she got the cards and gave the male the number on the back of them. The number she called was 833-823-0050 and she was speaking to Brian Davis.

07.19 The victim stated he received a phone call from an unknown number. The caller stated they were from the IRS and he had a warrant out for his arrest. They also told him that he needed to take money out of his bank account. The phone call was then transferred to another person. The victim became suspicious. He did not provide them with any personal information.

07.20 A caller reported a suspicious phone call. He stated he received a call from someone claiming to be a Public Defender who had been assigned his son Todd's case. The Public Defender stated that Todd was in jail for endangering someone during an accident and it was going to cost \$95,000 bail or \$9,500 bond to get Todd out of jail by contacting Carlos Ortiz. The victim recognized that the phone call was a scam and didn't provide the caller with any information. The call came from Woodbine, NY.

07.21 Victim responded to an online request to be a "Mystery Shopper." She received a check for \$2250 and was told to cash it. The suspect instructed her to buy \$1850 in gift cards and that she could keep the left-over money as payment. The check was fake and the victim's bank account was debited the original check amount, and she was out the \$1850 in gift cards she purchased.

07.21 Victim was contacted by phone by the "US Custom Border Protection Agency" who told him he is being investigated for drug smuggling and money laundering. The person asked for the local law

enforcement agency's number and he gave it to them. The victim then received a call from a male who stated he was "Officer Stuart" with the Anoka County Sheriff's Office and instructed him to place money in a Crypto Currency account. The victim hung up because he knew "officer" Stuart was really Sheriff Stuart.

07.21 Victim was sending Snaps and Insta photos to an unknown female. After inappropriate photos were exchanged, the unknown female blackmailed the victim for \$1000 otherwise she would leak the photos on his social media accounts.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.17 11xx 138 Ave NW – wallet stolen from unlocked vehicle; CC used at Andover Target

07.17 21xx 153 Lane NW – rocks and pucks thrown at home causing damage to outside lighting

07.18 138xx Jay St NW – illegal dumping of box springs and mattresses at a business

07.18 155xx Xenia St NW – illegal dumping of household items on park path

07.19 12xx 153 Ave NW – a yard sign supporting law enforcement was vandalized with paint

07.19 35xx 139 Ave NW – illegal dumping of electronic equipment in an abandoned lot

Arrests

07.19 Round Lake/133 Lane NW – 2nd degree DWI; deputies responded to a two-car property damage crash. When the deputies made contact with one of the driver's, she appeared impaired. She also did not have a driver's license, insurance – but she did have three warrants. Field sobriety tests were conducted but the suspect refused. Charges were elevated due to refusal and no driver's license. She was arrested.

07.19 Main/Hanson Blvd NW – 4th degree DWI; a detective stopped a driver for poor driving conduct and called a deputy to the scene. The driver appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .11

07.19 178xx Palm St NW – Warrant; a deputy went to the location looking for a male that had warrants. He was located in the driveway and arrested.

07.19 Bunker/Goldenrod St NW – Warrant; a deputy stopped a vehicle for poor driving conduct. The driver was identified, and she didn't have a driver's license – she was issued a citation. The passenger was identified, and he had a warrant – he was arrested.

07.22 136xx Quinn St NW – Domestic; deputies were called to a business because of a domestic occurring between a husband and wife. The husband was arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Burglaries

07.20 181xx Kettle River Blvd NE – broke glass on front door, booted door; safe

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.19 74xx 151 Lane NE – illegal dumping on private property; household materials

East Bethel

Arrests

07.19 Sims/Hwy 6 NE – Fleeing, Assist Other Agency; the State Patrol requested deputies to help locate a male who fled from a crash that they were investigating. A deputy located the damaged vehicle on a dead-end street and observed a male crawling through a field just north of the vehicle. He caught the male and arrested him. The male was turned over to the State Patrol and they arrested him for a DWI.

07.19 Hwy 65/Viking Blvd NE – Warrants; a deputy stopped a vehicle for having tabs from 2014 on it. He identified the driver and passenger. Both had warrants and were arrested. Meth was found in the vehicle.

Ham Lake

Burglaries

07.17 37xx 149 Ave NE – Pried garage service door and entry door; laptop, camera, jewelry

07.21 18xx 149 Ave NE – Pried garage service door; items moved, nothing appeared stolen

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.18 35xx 149 Ave NE – wallet stolen from an unlocked vehicle; CC being used at Walmart's

07.19 9xx Constance Blvd NW – an entire mailbox was stolen

07.19 133xx Radisson Rd NE – mailbox hit by a vehicle

07.22 18xx 153 Ave NE – multiple vehicles parked at Ham Lake Park broken into, broke windows; purses, CC, checks, laptops

Arrests

07.18 154xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went to the location looking for a male with two felony warrants. He was located and arrested.

07.20 133xx London St NE - Warrant Arrest; deputies responded to a juvenile out-of-control at the location. He was calmed down. At the request of his probation officer, he was arrested.

07.20 153/Central Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy saw a male driving a vehicle. He knew he did not have a driver's license, and that he did have a warrant. He was stopped and arrested.

Linwood

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.22 71xx Fawn Lake Dr NE – vehicle stolen from business where it was parked for repairs

Nowthen

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

Oak Grove

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

**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.