



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

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 05.15.15 – 05.22.15**

**Investigator Insight:** In an effort to get ahead of crime trends I regularly read reports from the police departments that surround the cities that our office serves. There have been two trends that I want to bring to your attention so you can make changes to not become a victim.

#1 Garage door openers that are stored in unlocked vehicles in the driveway are being used to open up garage doors in the middle of the night and items are being stolen from the garage and the vehicles inside the garage.

#2 Residents who do not lock their homes overnight are becoming victims of thieves who enter unlocked homes while the residents are sleeping. These thieves are taking phones, tables, purses, and anything else of value that are left near the entry.

Both of these crimes are preventable by locking vehicle doors, removing/hiding garage door openers, and locking your house. Education is a big piece of prevention – and now you know 😊

### **Andover**

#### **Burglaries**

05.19 22xx 180 Ave NW – a resident returned home and found 2 males inside her home; when they saw her they exited a sliding glass door. The case remains under investigation.

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

05.21 136xx Martin St NW – a popcorn machine was stolen out of a vacant business

05.19 26xx 138 Ave NW – Craigslist Scam – victim was selling a car battery on Craig's List and was sent a check for \$759 more than the purchase. The victim sent the battery and overpayment back to an address in Alabama.

05.19 14xx 146 Lane NW – the air in multiple tires on two vehicles parked in the driveway was let out

#### **Arrests**

05.22 Bunker Lake Blvd/Goldenrod – Property Damage Accident, Careless Driving, No DL in Possession, No Proof of Insurance; deputies responded to a crash involving a vehicle that struck a power pole. They arrived and the driver stated he was extremely tired and fell asleep. The power company was contacted and the driver was issued a citation.

### **Bethel**

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

05.20 236xx University Ave NW – business – a construction dumpster was stolen from the business

## Columbus

### Thefts & Damage to Property

05.20 81xx Broadway Ave NE – damage to a mailbox and trash cans

05.18 94xx Lake Dr NE – business – a screen on a Red Box machine was vandalized

## East Bethel

### Thefts & Damage to Property

05.19 3100 Block 182 Ave NE – a boat and motor was stolen from a dock

05.19 183xx Hwy 65 NE – business – windshields of vehicles parked on a car lot were shot with a bb gun

05.19 46xx 200 Lane NE – a GPS was stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the driveway

### Arrests

05.15 Terroristic Threats, Obstructing, Domestic Assault, DANCO Violation; deputies responded to a husband/wife domestic. The husband was arrested. The Alex House was notified.

05.15 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a father/daughter domestic. Both were arrested. The Alex House was notified.

05.20 Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a mother/son domestic. The son had left the location but was found by deputies and arrested. The Alex House was notified.

## Ham Lake

### Burglaries

05.21 159xx Austin St NE – victim reported someone opened a \$25K line of credit in his name at Navy Federal Credit Union

05.18 176xx Hwy 65 NE – business – window glass was broken to make entry; soldering wire, chain saw, copper wire and tubing

05.15 12xx 171 Lane NE – business – a fence was cut to gain entry and locks were cut off of enclosed trailers to steal tools

### Thefts & Damage to Property

05.18 37xx 149 Ave NE – lawn ornaments stolen from a flower bed

### Arrests

05.19 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Domestic Assault – deputies responded to a male/female domestic. The male had fled prior to deputies arriving. The Alex House was notified and a warrant for his arrest was issued.

## Linwood

### Arrests

05.16 7000 Block of Viking – DWI – deputies responded to the area for a property damage crash. When they arrived the driver stated he was intoxicated. He failed field sobriety tests and was arrested. .206

05.19 7200 Block of Fawn Lake Dr NE – Driving After Cancellation, No Insurance; A deputy stopped a driver for 59 in a 50. The driver was identified and found to not have a driver's license or insurance. He was arrested and his vehicle was towed.

## **Nowthen**

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

05.17 183xx Krypton St NW – damage to mailbox overnight

## **Oak Grove**

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

05.19 228xx Zion Parkway NW – a tire on a vehicle parked in the driveway was slashed

### **Arrests**

05.16 2000 Block of Lake George Pkwy – 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Controlled Substance, GM Warrant Arrest; on routine patrol a deputy observed a vehicle with a cracked windshield. The deputy ran the plate and the owner of the vehicle was showing a warrant. The deputy stopped the vehicle and identified the driver who had a warrant and he was arrested. While searching the vehicle prior to towing it meth was located. The Drug Task Force was notified.

05.21 221 Ave NW/Lake George Blvd NW – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Test Refusal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding and driving in the wrong lane. The driver appeared intoxicated and admitted to consuming two alcoholic beverages. She failed field sobriety tests and was arrested. The charges were elevated due to a prior DWI. .178

## **Laura Landes & Missi Reeder**

### **Crime Prevention**

### **Anoka County Sheriff's Office**

*\*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](http://www.anokacounty.us/crimewatch) and click on Crime Statistics on the left side. Stats are updated monthly.*