



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 11.25.16-12.02.16

We saw a large number of fraudulent credit card reports this week. This crime is difficult to avoid being a victim of because often your information is stolen from institutions that store your data – and these crimes are difficult to solve because often the people committing the crimes are hidden behind false identities. We wanted to give you a few tips to reduce your risk of falling victim to credit card fraud:

Sign any new cards immediately. By establishing your signature on the card, you make it much more difficult for someone else to erase or cover your signature and forge it in their own handwriting if the card is ever lost or stolen.

Carry your cards separately from your cash wallet. Most people carry their cards and wallet together. But if your wallet is stolen, your cards will also be stolen.

After you hand your card over to pay, keep it in view when you can.

Don't sign a blank receipt. Draw a line through any space above the total amount, including any tip amounts, if you do not intend to authorize additional charges on your card.

Open your billing statements as soon as you get them, and reconcile your card accounts every month the same way you would reconcile your checking account.

Notify your card company when you'll be traveling or changing residences.

Always destroy receipts by using a shredder or cutting them into small pieces; never leave receipts lying around.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 12.01 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – vandalism to a vehicle; scratched
- 12.01 24xx 138 Ave NW – a male reported his credit card was used fraudulently
- 11.29 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – business; purse stolen from a cart
- 11.28 11xx 160 Ave NW - a female reported her credit card was used fraudulently
- 11.26 156xx Avocet St NW – a female reported her credit card information was used fraudulently
- 11.25 158xx Sycamore St NW - fish house and trailer stolen from the property

Arrests

- 12.01 137xx Round Lake Blvd NW – 3rd Degree DWI, Speed; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding and running a red light. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested. .178

11.29 15000 Block of Prairie Rd NW – 4th Degree DWI; a deputy located a vehicle in the corn field at the location. The driver was next to the vehicle injured. The male was taken to Mercy Hospital for his injuries. Legal blood was drawn. The male was arrested.

11.28 Marigold St NW/138 Ave NW – 2nd Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for failure to signal and lane violations. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested. .233

11.27 36xx 140 Ln NW – 3rd Degree DWI; deputies responded to a report of a property damage accident at the location. One of the driver's appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .276

Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

11.28 182xx Bender St NE – female reported her SS# was used fraudulently to open a credit card

Arrests

11.29 85xx 181 Ave NE – mail stolen from the property

East Bethel

Burglaries

12.02 19xx Klondike Dr NE – business; forced entry through a window; cash box

Thefts & Damage to Property

11.27 1xx Sims Rd NE – license plate stolen off a vehicle

Arrests

11.30 Baltimore St NE/Briarwood St NE – 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped a driver for having expired vehicle registration. After speaking to the driver and passenger a K-9 was ordered to perform a sniff of the vehicle. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male and female were both arrested.

11.29 Hwy 65 NE/Sims Rd NE – Warrant Arrest, 5th Degree Possession of a Narcotics, DAR; a deputy stopped a driver for having multiple objects suspended from the rear-view mirror. The driver did not have a valid driver's license. A K-9 was requested to do a sniff of the vehicle. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The female and two male occupants were arrested.

Ham Lake

Burglaries

11.27 137xx Aberdeen St NE – business; front window smashed; e-cigs

Thefts & Damage to Property

11.30 7xx Bunker Lk Blvd NE – business; golf cart stolen from the property

11.30 3xx 167 Ln NE – personal information was used fraudulently to open a credit card

11.27 16xx 143 Ln NE – Christmas décor vandalized

11.26 14xx 165 Ave NE – business; forced entry through a service door; tools

Linwood

Thefts & Damage to Property

12.01 237xx Mackenzie St NE – Christmas décor vandalized

11.28 228xx East Martin Lk Dr NE – personal information was used fraudulently to open a credit card

Arrests

11.26 Thames St NE/Fawn Lake Dr NE – 4th Degree DWI; deputies responded to a single vehicle property damage crash. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested.

Nowthen

Arrests

11.27 224xx St Francis Blvd NW – 5th Degree Assault; deputies responded to staff/client assault. The male client was arrested.

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

11.29 228xx Raven St NW - a female reported her credit card was used fraudulently

Arrests

11.28 22300 Block of Rum River Blvd NW; 3rd Degree DWI; deputies responded to a single vehicle property damage crash at the location. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested.

11.25 217xx Cedar Dr NW – 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a front license plate. The driver had an active felony warrant. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male and female occupants were arrested.

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 and click on Crime Statistics on the left side. Stats are updated monthly.