



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

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 04.05.19**

We are seeing more of this type of scam – someone listing a house for rent but the person has nothing to do with the house. Deputy Dudgeon captured the scam well in his report:

I was dispatched to call xxxxxx regarding an attempted fraud involving the address of 16xxx North Enchanted Drive NW, Andover. xxxxxx reported that he was looking on the web site for Apartments.com and saw a listing for the 16xxx N. Enchanted Drive address. xxxxxx called the 210-960-0747 phone number and spoke to a male who identified himself as Paul Cecere. Cecere told xxxxxx that the property in Andover was listed for sale by a couple who live in Texas. The couple decided not to sell the house but rent it instead. The couple was asking for \$1000.00 per month. All utilities were included but garbage collection was not included. Cecere told xxxxxx that he could take a look at the residence, but he did not have access to a set of keys at this time. xxxxxx drove to the address and looked through the windows. He wrote down the number on the realtor's sign posted in the yard. xxxxxx called Cecere and told him that he wanted to rent the house. Cecere told him to wire \$1000.00 to a Chase Bank account. Before sending any money to Cecere, xxxxxx spoke to the listing agent on the realtor's sign. The agent told him that not only wasn't the house available to rent, but it was also sold to a new owner and a closing date was set. The agent said that at no time did the owner consider renting out the house.

### **Andover**

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

- 04.01 14xx 147 Ave NW – check stolen from mailbox; “washed” and used in Minnetonka
- 04.02 160xx North Enchanted Dr NW – fraud; fake listing of a house for rent in Andover
- 04.03 29xx 141 Lane NW – fraud; Craigslist – sent more money than the item cost
- 04.04 1900 Block of Bunker Lake Blvd NW – theft of license plate from a stalled vehicle

#### **Arrests**

03.31 Round Lake/Jonquil St NW – 4<sup>th</sup> degree DWI; A deputy was called to the area because a driver had struck a sign. He made contact with the driver who appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were failed and he was arrested. .218

03.30 31xx 168<sup>th</sup> Lane NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a vehicle for not having operational taillights. The driver was identified and he had a felony warrant out of Sherburne County. He was arrested.

04.02 13200 Block Round Lake Blvd NW – 4<sup>th</sup> degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. He appeared impaired and failed field sobriety tests. A warrant for a blood draw was obtained and he was arrested. .000

### **Bethel**

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

## **Columbus**

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

03.31 152xx Running Aces Blvd NE – a bag containing and Ipad was stolen from Running Aces

### **Arrests**

04.04 51xx 182 Lane NE – HRO Violation; a deputy responded to a violation of a harassment restraining order. He went to the home and located the male hiding under a bed. He was arrested.

## **East Bethel**

### **Burglaries**

04.01 25xx Biking Blvd NE – detached garage, no forced entry; generators, shotgun

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

03.29 185xx Hwy 65 NE – mail theft – outgoing checks stolen from the mailbox – suspects tried to cash them at a local bank

03.29 214xx Ulysses St NE – dumping complaint; an appliance was dumped at the location

03.29 211xx Polk St NE – vehicle window smashed; nothing taken

04.01 234xx Jackson St NE – tires slashed on a vehicle parked in the driveway

### **Arrests**

03.30 243xx Hwy 65 NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a mother/daughter domestic. The mother was arrested.

03.31 Lexington/185 Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy saw a male out driving and knew he had a warrant. The deputy stopped the driver and arrested him.

## **Ham Lake**

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

03.29 163xx Polk St NE – vehicle window smashed while parked at a church; nothing taken

03.30 9xxx Birchview Lane NE – theft of children's toys from backyard

04.01 36xx 170 Lane NE – theft from vehicle, unforced entry; 3 drills

04.02 18xx 134 Ave NE – illegal dumping; mattresses

04.04 40xx 136 Lane NE – fraud; took over email account and demanded bit coins

### **Arrests**

03.29 Radisson Rd/151<sup>st</sup> Ave NE – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a vehicle for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated and she requested to take a sobriety test. She failed and was arrested. .182

04.03 Lexington/136<sup>th</sup> Ave NE – 4<sup>th</sup> degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding. When contact with the driver was made he appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety was conducted and failed. The driver was arrested. .12

04.02 134xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; while on patrol a deputy observed a suspicious parked vehicle and ran the plates. He learned the registered owner had two warrants. The deputy searched the area and located the female with the warrants. She was arrested.

04.04 37xx 149 Ave NE – No Contact Order Violation; a deputy was called to a violation of an OFP. A male was arrested.

## **Linwood**

### **Burglaries**

04.03 199xx Viking Blvd NE – attempted; homeowner went outside found a car door open and saw suspects running away from his home

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

03.30 68xx 227 Ave NE – theft of license plates; plates being used in WI in gas drive-offs

04.02 5465 237 Ave NE – theft from vehicle, unsecured; GPS, battery jumper, charger

04.02 93xx 236 Ave NE – fraud, grandparent scam: car accident in Florida – no financial loss

## **Nowthen**

### **Arrests**

04.04 210xx Gypsy Valley Rd NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies went to a home to arrest a male on a warrant. When the male saw them he ran inside and hid. A K9 was called in and the male came out and gave himself up. He was arrested.

## **Oak Grove**

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

04.02 25xxv223 Lane NW – a home was TP'd and egged

04.04 209xx Butternut Cir NW – homeowner discovered his garage door open and heard people walking down gravel driveway towards the main road

04.04 202xx Eidelweiss St NW – homeowner woke up to his garage door shutting, nothing taken

04.04 202xx Eidelweiss St – fraud; TCF debit card was used – 4 purchases at gas stations in Mpls

### **Arrests**

04.02 221xx Zion Parkway NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend domestic. The boyfriend fled out the back prior to deputy's arrival. A KOPS alert was put out for his arrest.

04.02 Raven St/229<sup>th</sup> Ave NW – Warrant; a deputy stopped a vehicle due to suspicious activity. The male appeared nervous. When he was identified it was discovered he had a warrant. He was 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.*

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