



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

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 09.13.19**

Complicated scam started by looking for part-time work on Petsitters.com:

On 09-05-2019, I was approached at the Sheriff's Office by the victim and her mother. The victim wished to report that she had been the victim of fraud and had lost over \$6,000. The victim went on to describe how she had been looking for work online, and an unknown entity had contacted her, asking her to deposit checks and send money orders in order to purchase furniture for them. The victim reported that she had complied and her Wells Fargo bank account had been overdrawn by approximately \$6,400.

The victim said that she had submitted a profile to petsitters.com, because she was looking for some part-time work. She stated that she was contacted by a user on the site, using the email address annettewilly05@gmail.com. She said that the user asked her to cash some checks and then send the money as a money order to a third party in order to purchase some furniture. The victim stated that she was just attempting to make some money and did not find this suspicious.

The victim said that she began receiving text messages from the user, from two different phone numbers, regarding instructions for depositing the checks and sending the money orders. The victim provided the two phone numbers, 617-545-5091 and 469-651-1136. The victim said that she received checks from the user by mail. She said that she was instructed to deposit the checks to her bank account and then send money orders the same day. She stated that she deposited the first check on 09-04-2019, completed a money order at the Cambridge Walmart, and then sent the order via FedEx to an address that the user identified in Texas: James Smith - 9821 Summerwood Cir Apt 1617, Dallas TX 75243

She stated that the user asked her to send the orders in different denominations, 1000, 1000, 500, 650. The orders were sent via FedEx priority overnight and the first arrived on the morning of 09-05-2019. The victim said that she received the second check from the user on 09-05-2019 and attempted to submit the check to her bank account but was told that her account was over-drafted by several thousand dollars and would be closed.

The victim then spoke with her mother who identified the activity as fraud. The victim stated that both she and her mother had attempted to speak with a Wells Fargo representative regarding the issue but said that they had been told the bank would be unable to assist them. The victim was provided with a business card with a case number for the incident.

### **Andover**

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

09.07 157xx Drake St NW – Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Scam; claimed resident had a warrant

09.07 149xx Evergreen St NW – illegal dumping; lumber dumped on property

09.08 15xx 154 Ave NW – tampering with a motor vehicle; victim witnessed 2 males enter her vehicle in the parking lot, search around, and exit. Nothing taken. She was too afraid to confront.

09.09 134xx Hummingbird St NW – vehicle window smashed while in driveway; change, CD's

09.09 158xx 7 Ave NW – pried cabinets on work vehicle parked outside overnight; chainsaw

- 09.11 151xx Bluebird St NW – CC fraud; unauthorized purchase at a business in California  
09.12 135xx Partridge Cir NW – checking account fraud; unauthorized purchases at Wal-Mart

### **Arrests**

09.08 Round Lake Blvd/Northdale Blvd – 4<sup>th</sup> degree DWI; a deputy observed a vehicle accelerate at a high rate of speed when leaving a gas station parking lot. He caught up to the vehicle and stopped it. The driver appeared impaired. Field sobriety test were offered and failed. He was arrested. .099

09.07 137xx Round Lake Blvd NW – Disorderly Conduct; a deputy was called to a drive-through for a woman being belligerent about her order. The deputy arrived and spoke to the woman (who remained belligerent) she was issued a citation and told to leave.

### **Bethel**

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

### **Columbus**

#### **Burglaries**

- 09.08 162xx Potomac St NE – entered through window, cut screen; cash  
09.09 183xx Zodiac St NE – business-entered through window, cut screen; vehicle, keys, pizza oven  
09.11 138xx West Freeway Dr NE – CC fraud; unauthorized purchases on a business CC

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

09.07 134xx Apollo St NE – Illegal Dumping; dumped 3 garbage bags of goose remains on property

### **Arrests**

09.09qznroadway/Zodiac St NE – Drugs; deputies responded to a crash. The person who caused the crash seemed impaired and was only concerned about a backpack in the vehicle. After many lies from the two men in the suspect vehicle and investigation, a warrant was signed for blood from the driver. The backpack was searched, and a large amount of cash and drugs were found. The driver was arrested and the DTF was notified.

### **East Bethel**

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

- 09.09 9XX 207 Ave NE – Xcel Energy scam; caller threatened elect would be disconnected  
09.09 33xx 183 Ave NE – theft of tools, generator, air compressor from unsecured garage  
09.09 3xx 215 Lane NE – Social Security scam; thieves requested money and threatened a warrant  
09.10 18400 Block Hwy 65 NE – illegal dumping; deputies caught suspect and issued citation  
09.11 7xx 229 Ln NE – vandalism to a vehicle; tires slashed

### **Arrests**

09.06 204xx Monroe St NE – Warrant Arrest; deputies went to the location to arrest a male who had a warrant. When they arrive, he hid, but they found him. He was arrested.

09.09 17xx 214 Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy was investigating an illegal dumping complaint where the person suspected of dumping items had a warrant. Through investigation, the deputy located the female at a nearby liquor store and she was arrested.

09.11 Lincoln St NE/Elm Rd NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for having an active warrant. The male was arrested.

## Ham Lake

### Thefts & Damage to Property

09.10 133xx Radisson Rd NE – golf cart stolen from the location; keys were in it, recovered in Blaine

09.10 133xx Radisson Rd NE – theft from a boat; fish finder, poles

### Arrests

09.06 18xx 163 Lane NE – Multiple Warrants; a resident called in a suspicious vehicle with three males in it lurking in a neighborhood. The deputy located the vehicle. When identifying the occupants, one male was found to have multiple felony warrants – even though he claimed he wasn't "that guy." His identity was confirmed via IBIS scan at the jail. He was arrested.

09.12 50xx Hemlock Ln NE - Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a girlfriend/boyfriend domestic at the location. The male was arrested.

09.13 39xx 149 Ave NE – Damage to Property; deputies responded to a report of a male that had just smashed out his back window and tailgate. The male was located and arrested.

## Linwood

### Thefts & Damage to Property

09.06 886xx 241 Ave NE – Excel Energy scam; threatened to shut off power because of past due bill

09.11 238xx Leo St NE – male reporting receiving computer generated fraud calls

## Nowthen

### Thefts & Damage to Property

09.06 203xx St Francis Blvd NW – trailer with riding lawn mower on it stolen from yard

### Arrests

09.09 19000 Block St Francis Blvd NW – Driving Offense; a deputy stopped a driver for being on his cell phone. It was discovered that the driver did not have insurance or a valid driver's license. The vehicle was towed and the man was issued a citation.

## Oak Grove

### Thefts & Damage to Property

09.08 200xx Zion St NW – CC theft; unauthorized purchases made on Ebates CC

09.08 202xx Walden Blvd NW – mailbox egged, and garage door vandalized

09.09 25xx 224 Ave NW – CC fraud; \$70K was taken in small amounts and sent to Canada and NJ

09.10 30xx 195 Ave NW – CC fraud; unauthorized purchases made on a Wal-Mart account

09.10 205xx Gladiola St NW – scam; voicemail left stating female was at risk for using her SS benefits. No money was lost.

### Arrests

09.07 211xx Old Lake George Blvd NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a husband/wife domestic. The husband was arrested.

09.07 186xx Lake George Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies were called to a male acting suspicious. When they arrived, he was identified and found to have a warrant out of Hennepin County. He was arrested.

09.09 195xx Drake St NW – Warrant, Drugs; a deputy went to the location because a male that frequents there had a couple warrants. He located the male and while searching him prior to his arrest, meth was found.

**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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