



## **ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE**

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 01.20.23**

### **Scams**

01.13 I spoke with victim who stated that she received a phone call from who she thought was Connexus Energy. The person advised her that her power would be shut off if she did not pay the balance of \$239.65. She then went to Walgreens where she put \$239.65 on a Go-To card and then called the person back and gave them the number. The person then called her back and advised her that the money did not go through. She then drove to Walmart where she bought gift card and put on \$240.65 dollars and then called the person back and gave them the number. She was called back again and they advised her that that card did not go through either. She then went to the Speedway and sent \$400 in cash to the person and she did not get a call back. She said that she then realized that she had been scammed by this person. In total she lost \$880.65. She did give me a phone number 612-255-7235 which was the number that she called the whole time and I was not able to get anyone to answer.

01.16 The victim stated she received an email involving a male identifying himself as William Kinney a professor from Bethel University. She reported that the email was looking for student research assistants to work remotely for \$450 a week. The victim reported that she contacted the person identifying themselves as Kinney by phone at the number 415-481-8889 and made arrangements to begin working as a research assistant. She continued to communicate with the person identifying themselves as Kinney through text messages where he requested she purchase various supplies through a "sales representative" on his behalf. Kinney requested she make these purchases with her own funds and advised her that she would be reimbursed. She then made multiple transfers using her Wells Fargo bank account and the mobile banking program "Zelle". She reported that these transfers were sent to email addresses provided by Kinney and that she was told these were the email addresses of the sales representatives working with Kinney. She stated that in total she had transferred \$1900. She was subsequently emailed a check to reimburse her expenses but she determined the check was fake.

01.18 I spoke with the victim who stated that she had an email from Amazon stating that she bought some books. She then clicked on the link then called the number that came up. She stated that the person advised her that someone had used her account to buy the books and that she needed to go to the bank to close out her bank account. She then went to the bank and the person advised her to tell the bank that the money was for a home remodel because the bank could not be trusted. She did this then walked out of the bank with \$9000. They then advised her to go to the nearest ATM and call them back. When she got to the ATM she called them back, and as they were telling her what to do her phone battery died. She then went home and waited for her husband. Her husband advised her that it was a scam and thankfully they were not out any money. I advised her to be more careful and reminded her that banks and other places will never advise her to send them money.

## **Andover**

### **Burglaries**

01.17 142xx Inca St NW – cut lock off building at construction site; multiple tools stolen

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

01.13 135xx Martin St NW – catalytic converter cut off a vehicle parking in the parking lot

### **Arrests**

01.14 31xx 135 Ave NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to an assault between an ex-boyfriend/girlfriend. The BF had fled prior to deputies arriving. An attempt to locate and arrest him was put out.

## **Bethel**

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

01.18 234xx University Ave NE – theft of a vehicle

## **Columbus**

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

## **East Bethel**

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

## **Ham Lake**

### **Burglaries**

01.13 160xx Central Ave NE – business; toolbox stolen from storage unit, still under investigation

01.18 25xx 154 Lane NE – theft from a construction site; propane tank, caulking

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

01.13 18xx Deerwood Dr NE – mud flaps and ball receiver on truck stolen

01.16 13xx Andover Blvd NE – business; enclosed trailer stolen from a parking lot

01.16 178xx Hwy 65 NE – business; enclosed trailer stolen, lock cut

01.17 161xx Central Ave – attempted to pry open door on storage shed; no entry made

### **Arrests**

01.17 Lexington/136 Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver because their taillight was disconnected from their vehicle and hanging by wires. The driver and passenger were identified, and the passenger had a warrant out of Freeborn County. He was arrested.

01.19 165 Ave/Lexington Ave NE – No Driver's License, Insurance, Wrong Plate; a deputy ran a plate and the information didn't match the vehicle it was on. He stopped the driver and found out he had no driver's license, no insurance, and he put his girlfriend's license plates on his vehicle. He was arrested.

## **Linwood**

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

## **Nowthen**

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

## Oak Grove

### Arrests

01.15 20300 Block Rum River Blvd NW – DWI 4<sup>th</sup> degree; a deputy stopped a driver because he was crossing the fog line and driving in the wrong lane towards the deputy. When he made contact, he smelled alcohol and the driver's speech was slurred. The driver stated he had a couple beers. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .126

*\*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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