



**ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**SHERIFF BRAD WISE**  
**FRIDAY UPDATE: 01.27.23**

**Scams**

01.23 The victim advised me that a person claiming to be Daniel Johnson on FB Messenger sent her a message saying that the Federal Government was giving away money. She went onto explain that she needed to send \$800 and put it into a BitCoin machine off Viking Blvd and she would get a check worth \$50,000. She advised that the person was able to obtain her social security number. After speaking with a BitCoin representative, and he told her it was a scam and she decided to not send the money.

01.24 The victim stated he was contacted by an unknown person on Twitter on 10/23/22. The person had a username of kellych59384837. The person said their name was Kelly Chen and they began chatting and the victim believed there was potential for a relationship. On the 29th of October they began messaging using the app Telegram and she had a username of Chen5457. During their conversations she mentioned she had a friend who was a retired broker, George Davis, and he had a Telegram username of Bigkriil046 and a phone number associated with his account of 231-247-7322. The victim had \$57,000 in crypto currency and they spoke to each other about funding a crypto currency mine to get a better interest rate. The victim moved his crypto using Block Chain and Safe Pal. He then attempted to access his mining account and received a message that he had not registered correctly and would have to add funds to register. He ultimately transferred a home equity loan to a 2nd mortgage and took \$21,000 of that, opened a signature loan for \$21,000 and borrowed \$14,000 from a friend. In the end he lost approximately \$111,000 before realizing that he had been scammed. He had never met or spoken to Chen or Davis by phone.

01.25 The victim stated that on 01-23 she was called around 1230 by a person who claimed to be from the Social Security Administration. She stated they were able to convince her that her social security number was compromised. She then gave them all her information to include some of her bank account information. She then received a phone call from her bank and they advised her that someone tried to get into her account to take money but the bank caught it before they could get any money. She said all her accounts are on hold now until she moves forward. She gave me the phone number that the original call came from which was 605-854-8363 and when I called the number I did not get an answer.

01.25 The victim stated he was contacted by an unknown person on Instagram and they switched communications to Snapchat. He stated that the person identified themselves as a female and asked to see his private parts. He complied and sent 3 photos. He stated that the person started to ask for money or else they would send the photos to all his Instagram followers. He sent the person approximately \$1950.00 through Zelle, Cash App, Apple Gift Cards, and Ebay gift cards. He wanted the person to stop, as they continued to demand more money. The suspect was using the Snapchat username: JeniferMaryclau and the Instagram username: 3\_jnnfferclld12\_\_.

01.26 The victim was contacted about winning a \$25 million sweepstakes along with two new vehicles. He was told he had to buy Visa gift cards and send their information to help cover transfer fees and taxes. He purchased two \$360 Visa gift cards on 01/25/2023 and sent the information to the suspect. On 01/26/2023, he bought another \$500 Visa gift card at the request of the suspect and sent that gift card's information too. I was told by him that he was about to send another \$500 gift Card and went to meet with the parties at a bank, but they did not show up. The bank manager adamantly warned him that he was falling victim to a scam but he did not listen. He told me he is not concerned about being out of the money, he was concerned the suspects might show up at his house. The suspect told him he was going to deliver two new vehicles from the sweepstakes today. The phone number that the victim was called from was 813-515-8538. I did not locate any names associated with that phone number, and it is likely a fake/scrambled number. He advised me that he had fallen victim to this same type of scam the year prior where he lost a significant amount of money. I advised James to stop sending people money over the phone.

## **Andover**

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

01.23 164xx Argon St NW – package stolen

### **Arrests**

01.20 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Vehicle – Recovered Stolen; Avis car rental called and reported a car that was stolen from them was sitting in a business parking lot. Deputies arrived and observed a male and female by the vehicle; both tried to run when they saw the deputy. They were apprehended and identified. Both had multiple warrants and stated they were at the location to steal coloring books. They were both arrested.

01.21 13xx 141 Lane NW – Warrant Arrest; a male called 911 and said he was at a house, they called him a cab, but he didn't want to leave. When deputies arrived, the male was intoxicated and tried to explain his story. The homeowner wanted the male out. The deputy was going to give him a ride but when he was identified, the male was found to have warrant. He was arrested.

01.22 17xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – DWI 1<sup>st</sup> degree; deputies were called to the location because there was a male inside a running vehicle and he looked out of it. Deputies tried to wake him up by pounding on the window with little success. After repeated knocking, the male opened the door and immediately alcohol was smelled. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .14 Charges were elevated due to three prior DWI convictions.

01.22 Butternut St/Butternut Ct NW – DWI 3<sup>rd</sup> degree; a deputy stopped a driver for having a headlight out. He asked for a driver's license and insurance and the driver appeared to struggle to find it. She appeared impaired; when asked how much she had had to drink, she replied too much. Field sobriety tests were conducted and ended due to safety concerns. She was arrested. .19

01.22 Round Lake/133 Lane NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver because their taillights were not working. The occupants were identified, and one had a warrant. He was arrested.

01.23 17xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – DWI 3<sup>rd</sup> degree; a business called and reported a male driving into snowbanks at their business. A deputy arrived and located the man and he appeared impaired. He stated he had a beer and some marijuana earlier in the day. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .183

01.25 137xx Hanson Blvd NW – DWI 4<sup>th</sup> degree; a business called because staff had attempted to wake up a female behind the wheel of a running vehicle with no success. When deputies arrived they were able to speak with her. The woman appeared impaired and crying. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested and a warrant for blood was obtained.

01.25 138xx Palm St NW – Stolen Vehicle; deputies received information there was a stolen vehicle at the location. They located the vehicle at a nearby gas station and arrested the suspect.

## **Bethel**

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

01.25 237 Ave/Railroad Crossing – RR crossing sign stolen; suspect - male on a snowmobile

## **Columbus**

### **Arrests**

01.23 91xx 148 Court NE – Order for Protection Violation; a caller reported a male that she has an order for protection against was hanging out in a vehicle near her home. Deputies attempted to locate him with no success. This was his fourth violation so it will be a felony. An attempt to locate and arrest was put out for him.

01.24 51xx 1910 Lane NE – DWI 3<sup>rd</sup> degree; a male called 911 and stated he spun out and went in the ditch. The dispatcher stated the male sounded intoxicated. The deputy arrived and located the male who appeared impaired. When asked if he had anything to drink, he said not recently. He also refused to take field sobriety tests and started to fight with the deputy. She called for backup and the male was taken into custody.

01.25 152xx Zurich St NE – Theft; security called 911 because a male had stolen a large amount of gambling chips and ran out the door. When deputies arrived, security had the male seated on the ground. He was arrested for felony theft and trespassed.

01.25 74xx Broadway Ave NE – Domestic Assault; Chisago County Sheriff's Office asked us to keep an eye out for a male that had been involved in a domestic and had a PC Pick up on him. A deputy was driving and located the male next to a vehicle. He was identified and arrested.

## **East Bethel**

### **Arrests**

01.23 197xx Rochester St NE – Warrant Arrest; deputies went to the location looking for a male with a warrant. He was located. The woman whose home he was at also had a DANCO against him. He was arrested.

01.23 237 Ave/Johnson St NE – No Contact Order Violation; a deputy ran a plate and the driver came back without a license. The deputy made contact and the male in the passenger seat was acting suspicious. When asked for his name, he lied to the deputy. After investigating, his identity was found out and the driver had a restraining order against him. He had multiple violations. He was arrested.

## **Ham Lake**

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

01.22 161xx Davenport St NE – gas siphoned from multiple vehicles on the property

01.23 172xx Hwy 65 NE – theft of a fuel tank and pump from a pickup bed at business  
01.25 134xx Dunkirk St NE – theft of copper wire from a new construction overnight

### **Arrests**

01.23 134xx Hwy 65 NE – No Contact Order Violation; deputies received information there was a male and female on site at the hotel and the female has a no contact order against the male. This couple frequently violates the order. The male was located and arrested.

## **Linwood**

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

01.26 229 Ave/Unser St NE – a snowmobile broke down and was left in the ditch; it was stolen

### **Arrests**

01.26 92xx 236 Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; Probation alerted deputies to a male possibly at the location with a warrant. Deputies arrived, located the male, and he was arrested.

## **Nowthen**

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

01.21 224xx St Francis Blvd NW – vehicle stolen; keys for vehicle left unattended in a break room  
01.22 199xx Iguana St NW – damage done to an RV stored at the location  
01.22 93xx Viking Blvd NW – license plate stolen from a vehicle parked at the location

## **Oak Grove**

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

01.20 16xx 196 Lane NW – juveniles vandalizing a home; identified and parents contacted  
01.26 226xx Cedar Dr NW – attempted to cut off catalytic converter on work vehicles at the location

### **Arrests**

01.22 Lake George Blvd/187 Lane NW – DWI Refusal; deputies responded to vehicle crash. One of the people involved appeared impaired and he had two children in the vehicle – one with no seat or child restraint. The wife was called to come pick up the children. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. A warrant for blood was obtained and the male was arrested.

*\*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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