



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 02.21.20

This is the first time we have seen a scam report like this. We don't want you to be the next victim!

I was dispatched to a call for a fraudulent check report. The caller told me that he is a house painter. He was recently contacted via a text message by a male claiming to be Nick Campbell. Campbell told him that he was buying a house located at 9xx Oakview LN, Anoka and wanted a quote to paint the interior of the house. The caller told Campbell that he would meet him at the house to take measurements needed for the quote. Campbell told him that he could not arrange that meeting and sent him the square footage of what he wanted to be painted. The caller said he was uneasy but gave him a quote of \$5500.00. This is far more than he would likely have quoted if he had been able to see the house for himself. Campbell agreed to the price and told him that he wanted to communicate via email. The male gave the caller the following email: slugmoody1@gmail.com. The caller told me that he normally requires a down payment before he begins a painting job and he asked Campbell for a down payment. Campbell mailed him a check for \$5500.00 from a business named Jamar Fashions, LLC with the address of 43 W 32nd St #202, New York, NY. The caller said he doubted the authenticity of the check and submitted it to his bank. His bank notified him that the check was fraudulent.

The caller called a realtor with Coldwell Burnet, who is the listing agent for the Anoka address. The realtor told him that she had a buyer for the house, but her buyer had not requested a quote for painting. She would not disclose the buyer's name but did say it was not anyone named Campbell. I googled the residence and verified that the house is listed for sale and this is the realtor of record.

The caller did not have the phone number that Campbell initially used to contact him but said he received another text this morning from the phone number 561-770-8497. The caller believes this number is different from the original number. The caller has not purchased any supplies for the job he quoted and had not done any work related to this quote. Therefore, he hasn't suffered a financial loss stemming from this incident.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 02.16 143xx Thrush St NW – vehicle window smashed; GPS
- 02.16 144xx Osage St NW – vandalism to a home; egged
- 02.19 32xx 137 Ave NW – Social Security Office scam; no money loss

Arrests

02.15 143xx Thrush St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to wife/husband domestic at the location. The male was arrested.

02.17 136xx Partridge Cir NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies responded to the location in an attempt to locate a male with an active warrant. The male was located and arrested.

02.20 141xx Quinn St NW – Possession of a Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped a driver for not signaling his turn. During the search of the occupant's narcotics were located. Two males were arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 02.19 147xx Hornsby St NE – Vandalism to a property; hay bales set on fire
- 02.19 66xx 167 Ave NE – vandalism to a mailbox; flag stolen, post ripped out of the ground
- 02.19 93xx 170 Ave NE – attempted grandparent scam; no loss

Arrests

- 02.20 152xx Zurich St NE – Theft; deputies stopped a vehicle for Forest Lake Police Department for being involved in a felony theft. The Male driver was arrested.

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 02.16 Monroe St NE/237 Ave NE – vandalism to a stop sign; spray painted
- 02.19 214xx Johnson St NE – fake email scam; \$1,600 loss

Arrests

- 02.14 237xx Hwy 65 NE – 3rd Degree DWI; deputies responded to a report of a male slumped over in the drivers seat of a vehicle. Deputies arrived and were able to wake the male. Narcotics were located on the male's lap. The male was arrested.
- 02.19 243xx Hwy 65 NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a mother/daughter domestic at the location. The daughter was arrested.
- 02.20 243xx Hwy 65 NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a wife/husband domestic at the location. The male was arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 02.14 136xx Van Buren St NE – vehicle window smashed; purse
- 02.17 134xx Hwy 65 NE – vandalism to a vehicle; set on fire

Linwood

Burglaries

- 02.20 76xx South Orinoco Cir NE – forced entry through the front door; shotgun

Nowthen

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 02.17 60xx Norris Lk Rd NW – vehicle stolen from the property

Arrests

- 02.20 195xx Nowthen Blvd NW – package stolen from the front step

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 02.16 31xx 217 Ave NW – ice fishing equipment stolen from a vehicle

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****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.