



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 03.22.19

Deputy Weller contacted the Crime Prevention Unit and requested we get this information out to residents regarding an Xcel Energy scam. See his report below:

I spoke to the victim by phone. She advised that just before the time of the call, she received a phone call from someone claiming to be from Xcel Energy. The person advised her to call 800 654 0281 and make a payment to Xcel Energy otherwise her power would be shut off. She advised that she thought it was odd, so she called the Xcel Energy at a number the that she had on her bill. She was advised by Xcel that the call was fraudulent. She stated that she did not give out her information or make any payments. She stated that she just wanted the incident reported so that people could be warned.

I called 800 654 0281 and listened to an automated voice system that sounded to be a legitimate Xcel service with options to report power outages and pay bills over the phone. I asked to speak with a representative at which time I spoke with someone on the phone. I advised that I was investigating possible fraud and was hung up on. I called Xcel at a legitimate number from their website. I spoke with a representative who advised that a report had been made with their security department.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.15 21xx 137 Ln NW – vandalism to a vehicle; egged

Arrests

03.21 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Theft; a deputy stopped a vehicle because it met the description of a vehicle involved in a theft. Stolen items were located in the vehicle. The male was arrested.

03.20 39xx 173 Ln 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.

03.20 27xx 167 Ln NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a mother/son domestic at the location. The son was arrested.

03.19 7 Ave NW/157 Ave NW – Warrant Arrest, DAR; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a valid driver's license. The female also had an active warrant and was arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

03.17 94xx Lake Dr NE – license plate stolen off a vehicle

East Bethel

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

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 03.20 152xx Central Ave NE – vehicle stolen from the property
- 03.20 134 Ave NE – copper coils stolen from the property
- 03.20 13xx Constance Blvd NE – attempted vehicle theft; lock broken, ignition punched
- 03.17 164xx Hwy 65 NE – license plate stolen off a vehicle

Arrest

03.21 176xx Central Ave NE - 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for not signaling his turn. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .164

Linwood

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 03.16 78xx 245 Ave NE – damage to a mailbox
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Arrests

03.21 23xx East Martin Lake Dr NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a parent/son domestic at the location. The son was arrested.

Nowthen

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

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 03.18 22xx 208 Ln NW – bobcat stolen from the property
- 03.15 228xx Unity St NW – license plate stolen off a vehicle

Laura Landes & Missi Reeder

Crime Prevention

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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.