



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

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 04.17.20**

Scammers are out in full force. Let's just go with the – everything is a scam right now – mindset so hang up, delete, ignore and never click on a link.

One scam that was reported multiple times this week was in the form of an email that says they have your password and access to your accounts. They also claim to have found compromising videos, photos, or information about you that they are going to share with all your contacts unless you pay them.

There is no way for us to trace this email; they are all fraudulent and run through multiple servers, IP addresses, and countries. Your email address and the information they obtained about your password was more than likely bought on the "dark web." Typically, the password information they say they have is old. We do recommend that if you do get an email like this, go into your accounts and change your passwords.

### **Andover**

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

- 04.10 133xx Hummingbird St NW – vehicle stolen out of driveway; unlocked with keys in it
- 04.10 157xx Jay St NW – attempted theft from vehicle; slim jim used unsuccessfully to enter vehicle
- 04.13 152xx Fox St NW – mailbox damaged with a bat
- 04.13 38xx 174 Lane NW – fireworks put in mailbox overnight
- 04.14 142xx Bluebird St NW- Fraud; dating website, victim's mail was being forwarded to an address in Buffalo and information was being used to open credit card accounts
- 04.14 160xx N Enchanted Dr NW – multiple mailboxes in the area were damaged
- 04.15 48xx 170 Ave NW – theft from mailboxes in the area
- 04.15 7xx 141 Lane NW – damage to a bedroom window caused by a BB gun
- 04.15 1xx 139 Ave NW – theft of a license plate from vehicle parked in the driveway
- 04.15 137xx Cottonwood St NW – Fraud; FB Marketplace, purchased PlayStation, fake ad, loss \$150
- 04.16 34xx 152 Lane NW – theft of mail
- 04.16 134xx Heather St NW – Fraud; hacked email, email sent to friends requesting gift cards

### **Arrests**

- 04.16 10xx 161 Lane NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a mother/son domestic. The son was arrested.

### **Bethel**

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

## **Columbus**

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

- 04.11 146xx W Freeway Dr NE – trailer stolen from a business overnight
- 04.11 148xx Lake Dr NE – multiple catalytic converters cut off vehicles at a sales lot
- 04.13 135xx Lake Dr NE – business burglary, lockbox damaged to get keys; trailer, snowmobile

### **Arrests**

- 04.10 181 Lane/Vauxhall St NE – No Contact Order Violation; deputies responded to the location due to a male being there who the victim had an order for protection against. He was arrested.

## **East Bethel**

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

- 04.10 200xx Jefferson St NE – Fraud; email, blackmail requesting payment in Bitcoin
- 04.13 13xx 241 Ave NE – forced entry to work trailers at the location; batteries and hand tools
- 04.14 3xx 218 Ave NE – Fraud; Craig's List scam, sold wedding ring, received fake check
- 04.15 45xx 229 Ave NE- Fraud; email, blackmail requesting payment in Bitcoin
- 04.16 9xx 201 Lane NE - Fraud; email, blackmail requesting payment in Bitcoin

## **Ham Lake**

### **Burglaries**

- 04.15 137xx Aberdeen St NE – business; broke window to gain access to product

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

- 04.10 10xx E Vermillion Circle NE – Fraud; Publisher Clearing House call, requested \$500 to claim
- 04.13 28xx 162 Ave NE – a home was egged; suspects identified
- 04.14 153xx Central Ave NE – catalytic converter cut off work vehicle parked at the location
- 04.15 171xx Nassau St NE – tools stolen form an unsecured vehicle overnight
- 04.15 138xx Johnson St NE – theft of a license plate from a vehicle parked at a business
- 04.15 37xx 170 Lane NE – Fraud; applied for a job on FB, provided banking and DL info
- 04.15 32xx 134 Ave NE - Fraud; email, blackmail requesting payment in Bitcoin
- 04.16 11xx 133 Lane NE - Fraud; email, blackmail requesting payment in Bitcoin

### **Arrests**

- 04.11 181xx Hwy 65 NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical domestic between a boyfriend/girlfriend. After investigation, the boyfriend was arrested, and the girlfriend was issued a citation.
- 04.15 14xx Constance Blvd NE – DANCO, Drugs; a deputy responded to a "slumper" in a parking lot. When the deputy arrived, he woke the male and female in the vehicle and identified them. It was discovered there was an "order for protection" between them and the male was arrested. While searching him prior to placing him in the squad, drugs and paraphernalia were located.
- 04.15 153xx Jackson St NE – Burglary, Drugs; deputies responded to a call of suspicious activity. A male was seen around a building and then in a vehicle that got stuck in the woods on someone's property. They arrived and after a track, they located a male. Witnesses identified him as the male seen doing the burglary. He was arrested. During the arrest drugs were located.

## **Linwood**

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

04.12 240xx Lyons St NE – damage to home under construction; forced entry through service door

04.13 54xx 209 Lane NE – Fraud; bought a dog online that didn't exist, \$650 loss

## **Nowthen**

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

## **Oak Grove**

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

04.10 224xx St Francis Blvd NW – vehicle vandalized while in business parking lot

04.11 17xx 191 Ave NW – damage to mailbox and cul-de-sac due to a vehicle doing donuts

04.11 201xx Walden Blvd NW – Fraud; Xcel Energy, requested \$ threatened power will be shut off

04.13 43xx Viking Blvd NW – theft from work van parked in secured area; forced - modems, tools

## **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.*

*If you want to see data about what types of calls and how many we respond to log on to [www.anokacounty.us/crimewatch](http://www.anokacounty.us/crimewatch) and click on Crime Statistics on the left side. Stats are updated monthly.*