



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 04.19.24

Scams

04.05 The victim received an email saying there was a virus on her computer. She called the number in the email. She gave the scammer access to her computer remotely. The victim was told it would cost \$40 to repair. The scammer told her he accidentally sent her \$40,000 instead of taking \$40 and that she would be in trouble if she didn't pay the money back. The victim went to her bank and withdrew \$25,000 in cash and was supposed to send the money to an address in CA. The victim called law enforcement first and a deputy responded. The deputy spoke with the scammer and told him that we were now investigating the incident and he hung up. We contacted both her banks and they advised us no money was taken out of her accounts. The victim was told to come to the bank to return the money and make new accounts. The deputy unplugged her WIFI and turned off her computer.

04.08 There were 7 reports similar to this: The victim stated she received a voicemail from Sgt. Myers* with our office that asked her to call him back. She called the number he provided and was told that she owed \$2,400 for a contempt of court warrant and \$2,400.67 for a failure to appear warrant. It should be noted that they used her maiden name. She was further told she needed to stay on the phone with him and not tell anyone else and proceed to the sheriff's office. She then received a phone call from a second male who stated he was Sgt. Kerr* and he had reiterated that she had warrants and needed to pay them off. This male stated the warrants were tied to her old address in St. Paul. She called 911. There is no Sgt. Myers or Kerr with the sheriff's office and the victim does not have any warrants. *names vary.

04.11 The victim sent an inappropriate picture to an unknown "woman" on Instagram. He was blackmailed and sent money on the Monkey App.

04.11 The victim met a woman on FB Dating. She mentioned how she became wealthy off cryptocurrency and investing and showed him screenshots of having \$800,000 in her account. She provided him with information and told him he should move his crypto into the blockchain web app and she could help him. He stated to make sure it was legitimate he transferred \$75 of his crypto into the app and then requested it back to make sure he could move the crypto back and forth and the transaction was successful. He then put in \$5K from another account into the service app account to the blockchain-webapp account. He watched his account and noticed he profited around \$2,000 over three weeks. He stated yesterday morning he went to check his account and it appeared he suddenly lost all access to the app. He told the woman he was having issues with the app and asked her to send him the app's contact information but she was passive about his request and told him he must have done something wrong. It turned out the FB profile was fake.

04.12 The victim received a direct message via Instagram from Lauren_Dominique_gallery. In the message, the sender requested to use a photo of the victim for their gallery. They informed her they would pay her for the use of the photo. She had multiple messages with the user and agreed to the

use of the photo. She received a \$1,000 check but was only supposed to be paid \$500. She made a mobile deposit with her bank. She said the check cleared and the money was posted to her account. She was instructed to send the extra \$500 back. She sent the money via Zelle. She then received another overpayment \$1,000 check and again made a mobile deposit to her bank account. This time she was given instructions to send \$500 to Raynard Beckford. She was in contact with her bank after having a difficult time sending the money. As she was on the phone with her bank, she said her account went to a negative balance of \$1,682.00. She was informed the checks were possibly fakes and this was most likely a scam.

04.15 The victim advised that her husband received a phone call and text message from 832-891-3939 that was threatening. She advised me that the message stated something to the effect of, "this is Tony I'm shaking you down because you messed with a girl of mine." The phone call and message stated that he was going to kill his family if he did not pay him money. The victim stated she was concerned because the person calling had all there information and address. I advised her that there have been scams going around to try and convince people into giving money and to obtain more information from them. I advised her to monitor their banking information and accounts as well.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 04.04 Bunker Hills Park – a vehicle window was smashed and a purse was stolen while parked
- 04.05 172xx Tulip St NW – vandalism; a mailbox was damaged by a bat
- 04.05 10xx 152 Lane NW – a vehicle was egged; the suspect was identified and issued a citation
- 04.08 18xx Crosstown Blvd NW – illegal dumping
- 04.12 154xx Hanson Blvd NW – an intentional fire started in a bathroom at the location
- 04.13 21xx 137 Lane NW – attempted theft of vehicle, broke window, punched lock
- 04.14 162xx Inca St NW – vandalism; a home was tp'd and syruiped – suspects identified
- 04.18 137xx Ibis St NW – vehicle window smashed, purse stolen

Arrests

- 04.06 32xx 168 Lane NW – Interfere with 911; a woman had called, and deputies responded, to four 911 emergency calls that turned out to be nothing. The woman was warned the 3rd time if she called again, she would be going to jail. She called, deputies responded, she was arrested.
- 04.08 14xx 135 Ave NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies were asked to serve a warrant on a juvenile at the location. She was located and arrested.
- 04.10 137xx Block Round Lake Blvd NW – No Driver's License; a deputy stopped a driver for improper tabs. When identifying the driver, he didn't have a license. He was arrested.
- 04.11 156xx Dakota St NW – Assault; a resident was issued a citation for assaulting a neighbor unprovoked.
- 04.12 6xx 140 Lane NW – Harassment Order Violation; a male violated a harassment order his neighbor has against him. He was arrested.
- 04.16 34xx 139 Ave NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to altercation between a mother and son. The son was arrested.

04.16 40xx S Enchanted Dr NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend domestic. The girlfriend was arrested.

04.17 180xx Tamarack St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical domestic between brothers. One of the brothers had left the scene prior to deputies arriving. After investigating, a pick-up and hold order was put out for his arrest.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.10 154xx Hornsby St NE – a vehicle left on the side of the road (out-of-gas) was stolen

Arrests

04.12 154xx Hornsby St NE – Warrant Arrest; a business called because a male was causing problems at the business and filled up a glass of soda and left without attempting to pay. A deputy made contact with the male and he admitted to stealing but said it was no big deal, just a pop. The male was identified. He had warrants out of Hennepin County. He was arrested.

04.14 Kettle River/Lake Dr NE – DWI 2nd degree; deputies responded to a single-vehicle crash. The vehicle and driver were located in the ditch. The male appeared disoriented, stated he had smoked some “ice” (aka meth) earlier on the day, and he didn’t have a license. The male then collapsed. Allina was called and a warrant for blood was obtained. The male was medically cleared and arrested.

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.05 210xx Ghia St NE – two kids caught on Ring camera in hoodies pounding on the front door

04.12 187xx Breezy Point Dr NE – vandalism; wood garage frame cut

04.13 217xx Durant St NE – forced entry into a camper on the property; nothing stolen

Arrests

04.05 181xx Hwy 65 NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend physical domestic. The boyfriend was arrested.

04.09 237 Ave/7th St NE – DWI 4th degree; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct and no taillights. When he made contact, the driver stated the vehicle was a rental and she was just leaving the bar. She appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were failed and she was arrested. .119

04.10 Hwy 65/181 Ave NE – DWI 2nd degree; a deputy observed a driver going through a ditch to enter a housing development. He stopped the driver and he was identified. When asked why he was taking the ditch instead of the road, the driver didn’t know. He did appear impaired. Field sobriety tests were failed. He was arrested. .219 Charges were elevated due to 2 prior convictions and the high blood alcohol content.

04.13 Johnson St/209 Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy made contact with a suspicious male sitting in a vehicle where thefts have been occurring. Through the help of a language line, the male was identified. He had two warrants. When asked to step out of the vehicle, he said “oh no man, for

what?" which lead the deputy to believe he did speak English. The male became combative. Backup was called and he was arrested.

04.13 11xx 231 Lane NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy learned a female was at the location and she had a warrant. She was located hiding in a bedroom and arrested.

04.16 18xxx Jackson St NE – Assault; deputies responded to a ex-boyfriend/girlfriend domestic. The GF was tearing up the house. Deputies went to speak with her and she got confrontational and began fighting. While trying to handcuff her for everyone's safety, she called her dogs to attack deputies. One deputy was bit. Eventually she was restrained and arrested.

04.16 9xx 193 Lane NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy learned a female was at the residence and she had a warrant. They arrived, she was located and arrested.

Ham Lake

Burglaries

04.11 16xx Crosstown Blvd NW – a shed was entered; lockbox and ATV starter stolen

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.04 139xx Lexington Ave NE – theft of a vehicle from the driveway; keys in it

04.12 35xx 149 Lane NE – mailbox damaged by vehicle

04.13 415x 155 Lane NE – vehicle parked on street unsecured was tampered with; nothing stolen

Arrests

04.07 14200 Block Hwy 65 NE – No DL; a deputy stopped a driver for not having his lights on in the rain. The driver did not have a license. He was arrested.

04.07 Hwy 65/125 Ave NE – DWI 3rd degree; a deputy stopped a driver for driving without headlights on. When the deputy told the driver he didn't have his headlights on, the driver couldn't figure out how to turn them on. He appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were failed and he was arrested. .22

04.09 134xx Hwy 65 NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a fight between brothers after they had gotten back to the hotel from the bar. One male was arrested.

04.09 14xx 147 Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy learned a male was inside the business and he had a warrant. He waited for back-up and the male was arrested.

04.12 9xx 154 Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy learned a male was at the location and he had a warrant. The deputy arrived and asked for the male. He was located sleeping inside and arrested.

04.13 14xx Constance Blvd NE – DWI 3rd degree; employees called because there was a male in the store who appeared impaired and was falling over. He then got in a vehicle and left. He was located and stopped. He appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were failed. He was arrested. .231

04.16 Round Lake/Northdale Blvd NW – DWI 4th degree; a deputy stopped a driver for expired tabs. When she made contact with the driver, he appeared lethargic and his story wasn't making sense. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed but he PBT'd 0. The driver stated he had used marijuana prior. A warrant for a blood draw was obtained. He was arrested.

04.16 134xx Hwy 65 NE – No Contact Order Violation; deputies learned there was a male staying with a female at the location and she had a no-contact order against him. The female was located and her story was vague. The male was located walking down a hallway and arrested.

04.17 15100 Block Lexington Ave NE – Drugs; a deputy attempted to stop a male because he knew he did not have a driver's license. The male continued driving slowing and throwing out what appeared to be baggies from the vehicle before completely stopping. When the deputy made contact with the driver he could see meth on his lap and face. He was arrested. After searching the vehicle prior to towing, 17 grams of meth was found and the Drug Task Force was notified.

Linwood

04.05 Water Rescue; a boat with 4 people in it began to sink; it was about 10 pm. Deputies located a resident living on the lake with a boat who drove them to the sinking vessel and removed the four occupants.

Nowthen

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.08 66xx 189 Lane NW – vehicle window broken, purse stolen

04.08 66xx 189 Lane NW – theft from an unsecured vehicle; bank and gift cards

Arrests

04.15 224xx St Francis Blvd NW – Assault; deputies responded to a client assaulting multiple staff members. When they arrived, staff had the situation under control and deputies arrested a female.

Oak Grove

Arrests

04.13 217 Ave/Quapaw St NW – DWI 3rd degree; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 63/50. When he made contact with the driver, he smelled alcohol. Field sobriety tests were failed and she was arrested. .251

04.19 182xx Dahlia St NW – Order for Protection Violation; a family member who had an order against her showed up at the home pounding on windows. When deputies arrived she fled. She was located using a drone and 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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