



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 04.24.20

We received quite a few calls this week about suspicious vehicles around mailboxes or driving through neighborhoods. Keep calling and let us check it out. The government issued a warning this week that due to stimulus checks being mailed, we can expect a spike in theft of mail. The Post Office does have a program you can sign up for so you will see what will be arriving in your mail that day – and it is free. If you would like to sign up, go to:

<https://informedelivery.usps.com/box/pages/intro/start.action>

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.17 21xx Station Pkwy NW – theft of a license plate from a vehicle

04.21 161xx Crane St NW – fraud, Ebay; fake camera lens for sale, \$416 loss

04.21 160xx Narcissus St NW – fraud, Ebay; fake ATV for sale, \$1600 loss

04.21 28xx 173 Lane NW – fraud, PayPal; provided SS# and personal information to fake PayPal

04.23 39xx 165 Ave NW – scam; roof repair, paid in 2019 and no work done – loss \$15K

Arrests

04.18 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – No License, Marijuana, Paraphernalia, No Insurance; deputies were called do a slumper in the parking lot. When they arrived, they located marijuana and paraphernalia around the male. The male said he was homeless and had no where to go. Due to COVID and rules on taking people to jail, deputies found the male a bed in a shelter in Minneapolis and issued him a citation for the charges.

04.18 20xx 138 Ave NW – Domestic; deputies responded to a domestic between a male and adult “step-daughter.” The male was arrested.

04.19 44xx 147 Lane NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies learned a female at the location had a warrant for her arrest. They went, located her, and she was arrested.

04.19 136xx Crosstown Blvd NW – Paraphernalia; deputies responded to a slumper. When they arrived, they located a male surrounded by drug paraphernalia and empty drug baggies. They woke him up and spoke with him. Due to COVID, this did not meet the standards to bring him to jail so he was issued a citation.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.23 140xx Lake Dr NE – trailer stolen from a storage facility

East Bethel

Burglaries

04.19 229xx Packard St NE- pole barn; forced service door

04.22 5xx 218 Ave NE – pole barn; no forced entry, gas line on ATV cut, knives stolen

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.18 205xx Tyler St NE – extortion; on computer through card game app, requested \$, blackmail

04.18 7xx Birch Rd NE – damage to a fence caused by a vehicle

04.19 8xx 201 Lane NE – windows on two vehicles smashed out; overnight in driveway

Arrests

04.17 Hwy 65/221 Ave NE – DWI-Refusal; a caller reported a vehicle all over the road, hitting mailboxes. The deputy located the vehicle pulling into a driveway and saw a male existing. He located the male peeing in the yard. The male denied driving the vehicle. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .194

04.20 181 Ave/Hwy 65 NE – 3rd degree DWI; a deputy observed an ATV recklessly driving across Hwy 65 and through a nearby neighborhood, nearly hitting the deputy's squad. He attempted to stop the vehicle, but it fled. It was located driving to a home by another deputy. They made contact with the driver at the location and the driver appeared impaired. After a warrant was obtained, the premise was searched, and the male was arrested. .17

Ham Lake

Burglaries

04.21 43xx 162 Ave NE – garage, no forced entry; tools

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.18 172xx Staples St NE – someone playing ding-dong-ditch in the area

04.19 147xx Able St NE – theft of three bikes from a shed

04.20 161xx Lexington Ave NE – theft from an unlocked motor vehicle in driveway; nothing of value

04.20 34xx Crosstown Blvd NE – fraud; attempting to sell vehicle, received fake check for double \$

04.20 138xx Aberdeen St NE – catalytic converter cut off a vehicle in the sales lot

04.20 174xx Interlachen Dr NE – medications were stolen from mailbox

04.23 166xx Edison St NE – theft from vehicle, unlocked; work tools

04.22 178xx Jefferson St NE – scam; threatening a blackmail video, requesting bitcoin

Arrests

04.18 15200 Blk Hwy 65 NE – Assault, 2nd degree Refusal, No Proof of Insurance, Littering, Marijuana in a Motor Vehicle, Open Bottle; deputies responded to a call of a hit-and-run. The victim was following the suspect vehicle. While following, the suspect vehicle stopped, her passenger got out and assaulted the victim with a beer bottle and took off again. Deputies located the vehicle and stopped it. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were issued and failed. She was arrested. Her passenger was also arrested for Assault.

Linwood

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.21 217xx Viking Blvd NE – fraud, FB; threatened blackmail requested money, no financial loss

Arrests

04.19 6400 Block Viking Blvd NE – Drugs; a deputy stopped a vehicle for going 76 in a 55. When he made contact with the driver, he smelled marijuana. The vehicle was occupied by 4 juveniles. After locating marijuana speaking with everyone, the deputy decided to charge the driver with marijuana possession. All parents were contacted, and the situation was explained. The driver was issued a citation and not taken to jail due to COVID requirements.

Nowthen

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

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.20 27XX Dahlia St NW – scam; FB “WBG Program” claiming money available during COVID

04.23 200xx Quin St NW – scam; received fake letter from Verizon, told to call, provided SS#

Arrests

04.20 Cedar Dr/Sims Rd NW – No DL, Unauthorized Use of a MV; a deputy located a vehicle that was reported as being used without authorization. He stopped the vehicle and spoke with the driver; it was discovered she did not have a driver’s license. Due to COVID restrictions, she wasn’t arrested and will be charged by formal complaint.

04.21 221 Ave/Cottonwood St NW – 2nd degree DWI; a caller reported a possible drunk driver. A deputy located the vehicle and observed poor driving conduct. The driver was stopped and she appeared impaired. She stated she wasn’t drinking, and a deputy found an open bottle of alcohol in her vehicle. She refused sobriety tests. Charges were elevated due to a prior DWI. She was arrested.
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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 and click on Crime Statistics on the left side. Stats are updated monthly.