



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 05.01.20

We have seen multiple reports of Bit Coin Scam recently. Below are two reports to show you what it looks like:

#1 Complainant reports receiving an email this morning asking him if he has been on adult websites and to send them \$2,000.00 in bitcoins or they would be contacting his friends. The complainant did not respond to the email, but it did list his password he uses for several things in the email. I advised the complainant that we have taken several reports of this scam. The complainant will be changing his password and contacting his carrier about the email.

#2 I was dispatched to call the victim for a suspicious email report. The victim said that he has an old email address that he rarely checks. He checked it today and saw an email that he received at 0648 hours on 4/28/20. This email said that the email sender knew his email password and had placed spyware on his computer. The email sender demanded \$2000.00 in bitcoin or he would use all of the data from the caller's computer. The victim took his computer off-line as soon as he saw the email and did not pay anything to the email sender. I recommended that he have his computer swept for spyware by a professional.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 04.24 157xx Linnet St NW – theft of bike; unsecured in yard
- 04.25 176xx Arrowhead St NW – fraud; video blackmail requesting payment in bitcoins
- 04.28 140xx Alder St NW – fraud; video blackmail requesting payment in bitcoins
- 04.28 142xx Uplander St NW – fraud; video blackmail requesting payment in bitcoins
- 04.29 179xx Aztec St NW – license plate stolen off vehicle

Arrests

- 04.29 32xx 165 Lane NW – Assault; deputies responded to a call of a juvenile running away. When they located the female she assaulted the deputies. She was arrested.
- 04.29 32xx 165 Lane NW – Assault; deputies responded to a call of a juvenile assaulting staff at the location. She was located, removed from the location, and will be charged by formal complaint.
- 04.29 134xx Killdeer St NW – Drugs; a resident called in a suspicious vehicle. Deputies located the vehicle and made contacts with a male and female. Drugs were visible in the vehicle. The male was arrested. Before they got to jail, the male stated he had swallowed heroin when he saw the deputies. He was diverted to the hospital and will be charged by formal complaint.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Burglaries

04.27 148xx Lake Dr NE – business; cut locks on fence – generator, credit cards, tools, misc.

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.24 80XX Lake Dr NE – fraud; video blackmail requesting payment in bitcoins

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.27 204xx Hwy 65 NE – theft of an unattended cell phone at a business; pings in Mpls

04.28 Longfellow/Cedar Rd NE – landscaping rocks were stolen from property

04.29 192xx Isetta St NW – fraud; claimed spyware was installed, blackmail, requested bitcoin

Arrests

04.30 194xx E Front Blvd NE – Assault; deputies responded to a physical assault occurring between two males who live at the location. Both were arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.27 153xx Central Ave NE – theft of license plates from vehicle

04.30 154xx Terrace Rd NW - fraud; video blackmail requesting payment in bitcoins

Linwood

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.25 177xx Johnson St NE – fraud; blackmail threat, requested \$2k – no financial loss

04.30 217xx Viking Blvd NW – fraud; claiming to be Xcel via phone, saying she owes money

Nowthen

Thefts & Damage to Property

04.28 212xx Gypsy Valley Rd NW – vehicle parked in the driveway was keyed

Oak Grove

Arrests

04.25 225xx Zion Pkwy NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical domestic between a boyfriend/girlfriend. The boyfriend had fled prior to their arrival. The boyfriend was located and arrested.

04.29 Rum River Blvd NW – Controlled Substance Possession; a deputy stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. When he identified the driver, it was found he did not have a driver's license. Due to suspicious items in plain sight a K9 searched the vehicle. Drugs were found. He was 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.*

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.