



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 06.09.23

Scams

06.05 The victim stated he received a phone call from 612-416-5233 earlier this morning. The male caller indicated he was his grandson and in trouble; he stated he needed help and money. When the victim asked specific questions about his grandson, the caller disconnected the call. The victim did not give out any financial or personal information and does not have a monetary loss. The phone number appears to be an untitled, disposable number.

06.05 The victim stated she received a voicemail message from a male claiming to be from the social security office. He stated she may be entitled to more money and should call him back; he left the phone number 866-309-1077. She did not call him back and just wanted the incident documented. A search of the phone number shows it's an untitled, disposable number.

06.06 The victim explained to me that she believed she had been scammed by someone who told her she was an Amazon employee. She went on to tell me she was trying to watch Prime Video through Amazon on her TV. She said that her TV showed there was some sort of issue with her account. She went online to amazon.tv and called a phone number near the top of the page. After she called, she was transferred to a male who called himself "Rohan." She said that Rohan stated he was an Amazon employee. He told her there was an issue with her account. She stated he was able to somehow show her some sort of paperwork that indicated he was an authentic employee of Amazon. She could not tell me how he showed her this paperwork and had no photos to show me. She said she spoke with Rohan for several hours and for multiple phone calls. She also told me that Rohan had her download two apps. The first was called "Anydesk" and the second was called "GoTo Resolve." She believes both of these apps were used to mirror what was on her phone and TV to Rohan because he was able to remote access both devices and display things on her screen. After he did that, she said Rohan instructed her to and assisted her with creating an account through American Express. She said the account was supposed to be one that money was only transferred through gift cards. Rohan was reportedly able to put \$1900 of her money into the account. She later contacted American Express and was told that they put a hold on it due to the suspicious activity. That money was not actually transferred. She stated that Rohan also went into her Amazon account to conduct "test buys" of items, saying he was trying to see what was wrong with her account. She stated he bought a few items and returned them, returning her money. At the time, she thought he was trying to help her resolve the issues with her Amazon account. After starting to believe this may be a scam, she reached out to Amazon. She stated Amazon told her all items had been returned except Rohan bought a \$100 Xbox gift card that he did not tell her about. This had not been returned and she said Amazon was already trying to get her money back. She believes that the \$100 was the only amount of money that she had lost during this. She did mention that Rohan was trying to get her to move money on Cashapp through bitcoin currency.

06.07 The victim reported receiving a phone call from a Mickey J Wagner, who was claiming to be an attorney who was trying to help her grandson. Wagner claimed he had been arrested and needed

\$16,000 to get released. The victim said that she had withdrawn the money, but did not make arrangements to deliver the money to Wagner. She was also able to make contact with her grandson and confirmed that he wasn't even in the state, at which point she realized it was a scam. I contacted the phone number she got the call from, identified myself when a male answered the phone, and he hung up immediately. She did not suffer any monetary loss.

06.08 The victim reported being scammed and his 401K account was emptied. He said on May 25, 2023, he clicked on a popup window by mistake and his computer got hacked. He said a number came up that said it was VanGard and his 401K account was compromised. He called it and was working with a person he thought was VanGard customer service to secure his account. The lady collected all his information including SSN. A few days he learned, his 401K had \$118,000 withdrawn from it. He is in contact with the real VanGuard and trying to get his money back. He has no suspect information and was told to make a police report.

06.08 The call started off as a missing person but the male was located at home safe. He explained a series of events that led to him withdraw \$15,000 in cash from his savings account then spend an additional \$5,000 in debit card transactions to purchase gift cards from Home Depot and Lowes. He advised me that his computer locked up the previous night and a screen popped up that looked official saying that his network had been hacked and that he needed to call "Microsoft Security." He stated they advised him they would help him by calling him today between 0900 and 1000 with further instructions. When they called, they made him believe his bank accounts were at risk, along with his networks, and that he needed to withdraw money so they could direct it to another account. He then went to his bank and withdrew \$15,000. He was then directed to an ATM located in Saint Paul. He was given instructions to deposit the money into the ATM that had the ability to purchase Bitcoin and then the money would be returned to a secure account the next day. When the transaction did not work, he was directed to another ATM in White Bear Lake but he stated they then came up with an alternate solution. He was then directed to purchase Home Depot and Lowes gift cards using the \$15,000 in cash and an additional \$5,000 from his debit card. From Home Depot, he went to two different stores and purchased five gift cards totaling \$7,000 in value. From Lowes, he went to two different stores and purchased seven gift cards totaling \$13,000 in value. He then scratched off the numbers on the back of the cards and gave the information to the person on the phone. The person, only identified as "Clary" gave an ID number of CSTX753, stated the money would then be deposited tomorrow into a secure bank account set up by the bank "representative." He scratched off the protective layer of the card numbers and provided it to the person. It was verified by family members that the gift cards had a zero balance while I was at the residence talking with them.

06.08 I spoke with the victim who stated that she tried to buy Taylor Swift tickets on Facebook Market Place today and ended up getting scammed. She said that she sent \$1,400 on Zelle to a person that had hacked another person Facebook account, and was never sent the tickets. She said that she believed it was legit because it was on the City of Dayton's Facebook Market place.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.05 25xx 176 Ave NW – a home was egged

Arrests

06.03 14200 Block Crosstown Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed a male in a vehicle and knew he had a warrant and no driver's license. He stopped the driver and he was arrested.

06.04 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Assist Other Agency; Coon Rapids police were looking for a male involved in a domestic. An Andover deputy observed the male getting out of a vehicle who matched the description. The male's identity was confirmed and he was arrested.

06.04 140xx Tulip St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a physical domestic between family members. After investigating, a daughter was arrested.

06.06 Martin/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – DWI 4th degree; a deputy observed poor driving conduct and stopped the driver. He smelled alcohol and the driver stated he had a glass of wine. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .09

06.06 145xx Prairie Rd NW - Domestic Assault; a deputy responded to a physical fight between a male and female and the male had left the scene. A deputy located the male in a vehicle and stopped him. He was arrested.

Bethel

Arrests

06.07 238xx Dewey St NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed two males standing outside a vehicle with its hood up and he stopped to help. When he got out of the vehicle he observed Sawzall blades on the ground. The males were defiant and refused to identify themselves because they watch YouTube and seen videos that it is illegal for an officer to ask someone to identify themselves (it isn't illegal if the officer has suspicion a crime is occurring). After investigating, one male had a warrant and was arrested. The other was reminded that he was suppose to show up at court on June 12th for his prison sentence for another case.

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.02 140xx Lake Dr NE – vehicle drove through the grass and knocked over keypad post

Arrests

06.06 153xx Zodiac St NE – Domestic Assault; a woman went to a home and asked to use the phone because her boyfriend had beat her up. The homeowner went to retrieve a phone, but when she returned with the phone, the woman was gone. Deputies searched the area and located a female who had blood on her and it appeared she stabbed her boyfriend. The female was arrested and the case is still being investigated because no one is cooperating.

East Bethel

Arrests

06.06 9xx 192 Lane NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy learned a female was at the location with a warrant. Deputies located her inside the home and she was arrested.

06.07 2xx Elm Rd NE – Warrant Arrest; a male called and requested a ride to a secure facility to use the internet. Something was off and a deputy responded. The male said he would be ready to go when the deputy arrived. The male was identified and he had a warrant. He was arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.05 142xx Hwy 65 NE – catalytic converter cut off an RV parked at the location

06.08 145xx Naples St NE – theft of mail

Arrests

06.03 14xx Crosstown Blvd NE – DWI 4th degree; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. When making contact, the deputy smelled alcohol and the driver stated she had one beer. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .171

Linwood

Arrests

06.06 230 Ave/Typo Creek Dr NE – DWI 4th degree; a caller reported a vehicle all over the road and it appeared to have been in a crash. The deputy located the vehicle in a driveway and went and knocked on the door. A woman answered and said she just got home and was driving the truck; she appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .163

Nowthen

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

Oak Grove

Arrests

06.07 196xx Yellow Pine St NW – No Contact Order Violation; a male was inside a home and the woman in the home has a no contact order against him. The female gave deputies permission to enter the home and the male was located. 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.