



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 06.16.23

Scams

06.09 The victim stated that he had received a phone call from a male claiming to be his grandson who was just in an accident and needed money. He realized immediately this was a scam so he hung up on the male. He stated that the call showed it was being placed from Canada.

06.09 The victim explained that she received a phone call from someone claiming to be Xfinity with the phone number 844-213-2128. She informed me she let it go to voicemail. The voicemail told her that Xfinity was offering a 50% discount for the next 3 years. She called back around 1830 hours. She made contact with someone who claimed to be with the company and read her her last billing amount from her Xfinity bill and told her that she was able to cut that in half for the next 3 years. He told her that they were in a partnership with Target and if she paid the total amount for the first year with a target gift card, she could get a reduced bill for the next 3 years. At this point, she believed this to be a scam and said she yelled at the caller then hung up and called us. She did not lose any money.

06.10 I made contact with the victim who stated he met a 23-year-old female named Michelle on the dating site Love Cougar. He was not aware Michelle recorded them while having virtual sex. Michelle then told him she was only 16 years old and if he did not pay her \$500 she was going to call the police. He paid Michelle the \$500 and Michelle still demanded more money, or she was going to release the video to friends and family on Facebook. He claimed the video was released on an unpublished YouTube channel. I advised him to get rid of all his social media accounts that Michelle knows about. I also advised him not to contact her and give her any more money. He said Michelle deleted her account on Love Cougar and started a new account with the name Michelle2112 on Discord.

06.13 The victim advised me that recently he had been online attempting to obtain a loan. He stated that he was contacted by a group called Advance America located in California by phone and spoke with a representative named Leo Lee. He stated that in order to obtain a loan, he was first asked to purchase multiple prepaid MasterCards and provide all card information to Lee. He stated that the total value of the cards that he had purchased was approximately \$2500. He reported that in addition to the money he had lost by purchasing the cards, money was also removed from his personal savings and checking accounts. He stated that money was taken from both of these accounts and that the total amount lost was approximately \$4500. He reported that he had contacted the bank and had not yet received any details on where the funds in his account were transferred.

06.15 The victim reported that she was attempting to cancel her Apple TV when she was defrauded. She stated that she looked up what she thought was Apple support on the internet and called the number that was listed. When she did this, the phone was answered and the person on the other end stated that Apple was having trouble with their support and they needed to be paid with Target gift cards because they worked closely with Target. She bought \$998.00 in gift cards giving the PIN

numbers out over the phone. When they asked for more, she stated that she knew it was a scam so she didn't give them any more money. When she called Target, the money had already been used. She then began getting messages from China and also got a Paypal notification that someone had made a \$500 purchase on her account which was tied to her debit card through her local bank. I told her that she needed to contact her bank immediately in the morning and cancel her debit card.

Andover

Burglaries

06.09 35xx 133 Lane NW – unsecured shed; trolling motor, tackle boxes

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.09 2501 Bunker Lake Blvd NW – theft of a license plate from vehicle

06.10 5xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – window on vehicle broken; wallet stolen

06.12 26xx 138 Ave NW – vandalism; a home was tp'd

06.12 25xx 154 Ave NW – theft of an Amazon package from the front porch

06.14 136xx Partridge Circle NW – license plate stolen off a vehicle in the driveway

06.15 142xx Prairie Rd NW – three teens seen puncturing a tire on a vehicle parked in the driveway

Arrests

06.09 Crosstown/Hanson Blvd NW – Warrant; a deputy stopped a driver for expired tabs and poor driving conduct. The driver was identified and she had two Hennepin County warrants. She was arrested.

06.14 Bunker Lake/Martin St NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for having a headlight out. The driver stated she did not have a driver's license. The deputy ran her and found she did have a warrant in Crow Wing County. She was arrested.

Bethel

Arrests

06.11 237xx University Ave NW – Drugs; a deputy observed a male pull into a tow lot and knew he had a warrant. He went to arrest him and while searching his person, heroin was found. The male was arrested.

Columbus

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

East Bethel

Arrests

06.12 15xx 234 Lane NE – Abuse of 911; deputies went to a home where a female had called 911 more than 18 times in a week – and called again today. When deputies would respond, there would be no problems. She was arrested.

06.16 232xx Kissel St NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend domestic. The boyfriend was arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.12 16xx Deerwood Dr NE – vandalism; group of kids throwing rocks at siding causing damage

06.16 164xx Hwy 65 NE – vehicle stolen out of a business parking lot

Arrests

06.12 Crosstown/Rendova St NE – Drugs; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. When he made contact with the driver he saw paraphernalia and drugs in the vehicle. The driver was searched and meth was found. He was arrested.

Linwood

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

Nowthen

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.10 94xx Viking Blvd NW – window on car broken out while parked at a park; purse stolen

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.14 226xx Cedar Dr NW – catalytic converter cut off vehicle at the location

Arrests

06.11 3500 Block Bridge St NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for not having their lights on at 9:30 pm. He recognized the females in the vehicle and the juvenile one had a warrant. She was told she was going to be arrested and became hysterical. The deputy let her call her mom and then he spoke to her. She was arrested.

06.13 215xx Killdeer St NW – DWI 3rd degree; deputies responded to a 911 call of a suicidal female with a gun. When they arrived, it turned out to be an impaired male who was very intoxicated. The male had driven his vehicle and parked it in a neighbor's yard. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .22

**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.