



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 07.06.18

This is a fraud report; I have only seen one other like it. It is disturbing, it involved such a large amount of money that was set aside to purchase a home. It is a long report, but I will just skim the facts:

- A deputy was called to a title company in Andover. He made contact with the victim.
- The victim stated she was purchasing a home in Andover and all the documentation needed to close was there, and the seller of the property was also present.
- Five days prior to the closing the victim received an email she believed to be from the closer. The victim had emailed prior with the closer so this was not odd.
- The victim received "new" wire transfer instructions for her down payment on the home. The name of the closer appeared on the email and it looked legit. However, when looking closer at the email (after she was a victim) the email address was slightly different.
- Before the closing that morning, the victim went and wired the amount for the closing as instructed - \$39220.02.
- When the victim arrived at the closing, the money wasn't there. After the owner, seller, and closer spoke it was determined she had been a victim of fraud and our office was called.

I am hoping I hear from someone who is a closer, works at a title company, or in the field to give some prevention tips on this type of crime. My only advice would be when doing a transaction like this and something changes, pick up the phone and call the person who is making the change.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.02 145 Ave NW/7th Ave NW – vandalism to a vehicle; back window shot out with a BB gun

06.30 139xx Juniper St NW – vandalism to a home; siding damaged

Arrests

07.03 Round Lake Blvd NW/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver of the vehicle did not have a valid driver's license, did not have insurance on the vehicle and had an active warrant. The male was arrested.

07.03 16100 Block of Hanson Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for having three active warrants. The male was arrested.

06.30 Bunker Lake Blvd NW/Rose St NW – 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a working license plate light. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .128

Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

06.29 77xx 179 Ave NE – vandalism to the property; garden pots smashed

East Bethel

Arrests

07.03 13xx 187 Ln NE – Warrant Arrest; deputies responded to the location in an attempt to locate a male with and active warrant. The male was located and arrested.

07.01 Viking Blvd NE/Hwy 65 NE – 4th Degree DWI; deputies responded to a report of two vehicle that had hit numerous motorcycles and left. The vehicles were both located. Both driver's appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The males were arrested. .268 .

06.30 12xx 237 Ave NE – 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were not taken due to medical issues. Legal blood was taken at the hospital. The male was arrested.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.02 138xx Aberdeen St NE – unattended purse; credit cards

07.01 137xx Buchanan St NE – potted plant stolen from the property

06.30 169xx Baltimore St NE – business; vandalism to the well pump; run over by a vehicle

06.30 30xx Hemlock Ln NE – business; vandalism to the building and vehicles; keyed, copper stolen

Arrests

07.06 180xx Ulysses St NE – Disorderly Conduct; deputies responded to a report of a male loitering near businesses and acting erratically. The deputies located the male who they had two previous calls regarding. The male was arrested.

07.04 Aberdeen St NE/Constance Blvd NE – DAC-IPS; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a valid driver's license.

06.30 136xx Alamo St NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a son/father domestic. The father was arrested.

Linwood

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

Nowthen

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.04 184xx Waco St NW – kayak stolen from the property

Arrests

07.05 217xx Norris Lake Rd NW – 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding. The driver intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

07.03 Tiger St NW/Viking Blvd NW – 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stop a driver for poor driving conduct and running over a road sign. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested.

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.04 41xx 204 Ln NW – vandalism to a home; egged

Laura Landes & Missi Reeder

Crime Prevention

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**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.