



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 07.27.18

Over the last couple days, we have received multiple reports of the IRS Phone Scam hitting our community again. Please familiarize yourself with this scam and share your knowledge with others who may not have access to social media, especially any elderly folks you may know.

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-scamsconsumer-alerts>

A resident also alerted us to a COSTCO Travel Scam she experienced – thanks Sheri. Below is an article explaining how it happens:

Fraudulent Calls Offering \$500 or Travel Package Price Reduction

We have received reports of both members and non-members of COSTCO being contacted in an apparent **phone scam** / phishing scheme attempting to collect personal information. The caller offers either a \$500 Costco **Travel** credit or Cash Card as a reward for completing a survey or a reduced-price **travel** package in exchange for providing some personal information. The fraudsters may be using software to show a local **phone** number on caller ID but hide the real **phone** number the **calls** are originating from.

Please know that these are fraudulent **calls** attempting to obtain personal information. These are in no way affiliated with Costco or Costco **Travel**. If you believe you have provided these callers your personal information, we recommend that you take appropriate steps such as notifying the consumer credit reporting agencies, signing up with a credit monitoring service, reporting it to the FTC (Federal Trade Commission) or possibly the police if you believe your identity has been stolen. Additional information can be found here: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0076-phone-scams>.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 07.24 158xx Fox St NW – mail stolen from the mail box
- 07.24 22xx 135 Ave NW – vandalism to a vehicle; tires slashed
- 07.23 21xx 135 Ln NW – boat trolling motor stolen off a boat at the location
- 07.23 147xx Kiowa St NW – mail stolen from the mailbox
- 07.23 35xx 172 Ln NE – unoccupied home; unsecure, woodwork damaged
- 07.23 150xx Thrush St NW – vandalism to yard décor; broken
- 07.21 31xx 162 Ln NW – vehicle stolen from the property; keys were in it

Arrests

07.26 157 Ave NW/Xenia St NW – Possession of a Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a license plate light. A K9 was requested to perform a sniff of the vehicle. The K9 did alert during the search and narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

07.25 Jay St NW/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Damage to Property; deputies responded to a male kicking a vehicle at the location. The male was located and issued a citation for felony damage to property.

07.23 164xx Zuni St NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies responded to the location in an attempt to locate a male with an active warrant. The male was located and arrested.

07.23 Crosstown Blvd NW/133 Ave NW – Recovered Stolen Vehicles; deputies stopped two vehicles that were stolen driving together. Both the male driver's and a male passenger were arrested.

07.22 142xx Raven St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a girlfriend/boyfriend domestic at the location. The male was arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

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

East Bethel

Burglaries

07.20 41xx 226 Ln NE – unsecure garage; tools

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.25 10xx 243 Cir NE – mail stolen from the mailbox

07.23 184xx Central Ave NE – flag, and business décor stolen from the property

07.20 194xx W Tri Oak Cir NE – vandalism to a vehicle; keyed

Arrests

07.23 Hwy 65 NE/Viking Blvd NE – 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested.

07.21 197xx University Ave NE – Assault; deputies responded to an assault between two males. One of the males was arrested.

Ham Lake

Burglaries

07.24 148xx Aberdeen St NE – interrupted burglary; fled from the garage, suspect was not located

07.20 7xx Bunker Lake Blvd NE – business - door smashed; cash, electronics

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.21 177xx Taylor St NE – vehicle stolen from the property; keys were in it

Arrests/Incidents

07.26 138xx Aberdeen St NE – DWI; deputies responded to a single vehicle crash at the location. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested.

07.26 164xx Hwy 65 NE – Possession of a Controlled Substance; deputies responded to a report of a male slumped over in a vehicle at the location. The male admitted to being homeless and using drugs in the last 24 hours. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

07.24 19xx 133 Ln NE – House Fire; deputies responded to a house on fire at the location. Ham Lake Fire Department extinguished the fire. No one was injured.

07.24 166 Ave NE/E Lake Netta Dr NE – Possession of a Controlled Substance; deputies responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle driving in the area of the location. The vehicle was located and stopped. The deputy immediately smelt marijuana. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

Linwood

Arrests

07.22 220xx Typo Creek Dr NE – Possession of a Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped out with a vehicle that was parked in a closed park. A K9 was requested to perform a sniff of the vehicle. The K9 alerted during the sniff and narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

Nowthen

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

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

07.25 226xx Nightingale St NW – vandalism to a yard; vehicle drove through it

07.22 220xx Norway St NW – damage to a mailbox

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Crime Prevention

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