



## **ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART**

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 09.25.20**

Over the last 10 days, I have seen 3 reports of vehicles slowly following juveniles. I am NOT saying there is anyone in our jurisdiction trying to abduct children, but I want to share an incident that was handled very well by the juveniles and the stranger they asked to help. I hope this story can create an opportunity for you to talk to your kids and go over what they should do if they would ever be in a similar situation. Two juvenile females were in a park and noticed two males in a vehicle looking at them and believed they were following them. The girls saw a man in the park walking his dog and they ran up to him and told him what they believed was happening. The male went to approach the vehicle and it left. No license plate was obtained. The male then called 911 to advised what happened. The area was searched by deputies and the vehicle was not located. Deputies were able to talk to the girls and the caller. They also called a parent to have them come pick up the girls. Again, we do not know if this was just a coincidence or what. Many times, there is a reason for the behavior – I have read multiple reports where the driver was lost, eating lunch, taking a phone call, looking for an address – all turned out to be legit. I just thought this would be a good report to share with you so if you have kids that are out alone at times, share it with them and get them thinking about how they could handle a similar situation.

### **Andover**

#### **Thefts & Damage to Property**

- 09.20 156xx Osage St NW – political signs stolen out of front yard, an American flag was vandalized
- 09.20 149xx Crosstown Blvd NW – skate park vandalized; spray painted
- 09.21 164xx Bittersweet Court NW – theft from unlocked enclosed trailer; generator, tools
- 09.21 140xx Quince St NW – vehicle window smashed overnight, nothing taken
- 09.21 26xx 140 Lane NW – theft of political sign from front yard
- 09.21 1xx 138 Ave NW – vehicle window smashed overnight, nothing taken
- 09.21 159xx Linnet St NW – SS scam; said social security number being used for criminal activity
- 09.22 8xx 140 Lane NW – theft from unlocked vehicle in driveway; bourbon
- 09.22 5xx 156 Lane NW – vehicle in driveway scratched
- 09.23 21xx Andover Blvd NW – vandals threw paint on the tennis courts at the high school
- 09.23 22xx 167 Ave NW – theft from vehicle, unsure if secured; wallet – CC used in Coon Rapids

#### **Arrests**

- 09.19 Tulip/178 Lane NW – 3<sup>rd</sup> degree DWI; deputies were called to a personal injury crash. A witness reported the person involved appeared intoxicated and was trying to leave the scene. Deputies arrived and stopped her from leaving. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .324
- 09.20 151xx Bluebird St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies were called to the location because there was an ex-husband/wife having a physical domestic at a business. The ex-wife was arrested.

09.21 14xxx Eagle St NW – Malicious Punishment of a Child; deputies were called to a report of a mother abusing her child. After investigating, the mother was arrested.

09.21 39xx 145 Ave NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies went to the location because they knew a male with a warrant was there. He was located and arrested.

09.23 140xx Aztec St NW – DWI Refusal; a deputy responded to a property damage crash. When he made contact with the male, he appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were not offered due to the male being injured from the crash but a warrant was obtained for his blood. He refused the blood test. He will be charged by formal complaint.

## **Bethel**

### **Burglaries**

09.23 3x Main St NW – closed business, forced entry front door; unknown what was taken

### **Thefts & Damage to Property**

09.19 1xx Main St NW – motorcycle stolen; it was parked outside a business

## **Columbus**

### **Thefts & Damage to Property**

09.20 152xx W Freeway Dr NE – an engine was stolen out of a tractor

09.24 140xx W Freeway Dr NE – theft of a trailer parked at a business; unsure if it was secured

### **Arrests**

09.19 Broadway/Lexington Ave NE – Controlled Substance Possession; a deputy stopped a driver because he knew he did not have a driver's license. While speaking with the driver he appeared nervous and his story and his passenger's stories did not match. A K9 sniffed the vehicle and drugs were found. The driver was arrested; he claimed he swallowed a gram of meth so an ambulance responded and he was brought to the hospital prior to going to jail.

09.20 152xx Zurich St NE – No Contact Order Violation, Warrants; deputies were called to the business because a male was there and they knew he had warrants. When deputies arrived, he was assaulting a female who had a "no contact order" against him. He was arrested.

## **East Bethel**

### **Thefts & Damage to Property**

09.19 221/Quincy St NE – eggs being thrown at vehicles in the area

09.23 3XX Forest Rd NE – decorative item stolen off a deck

### **Arrests**

09.19 20400 Block Hwy 65 NE – 4th degree DWI; a resident reported a male who appeared intoxicated stopped at his home in a vehicle and asked for directions and then drove away. The deputy was able to locate the vehicle and stopped the driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared impaired; drugs were seen in the vehicle. A search warrant was obtained for blood. He was arrested.

09.20 9xx 189 Ave NE – Damage to Property; deputies were requested to arrest a male who had damaged property at the location. When they arrived, the male ran. He was located and arrested.

## Ham Lake

### Burglaries

09.23 180xx Ulysses St NE – two business burgled, forced entry through front entrance; cash

### Thefts & Damage to Property

09.21 10xx McKay Dr NE – scam; male posing as a deputy saying victim had a warrant and wanted \$

09.21 175xx Isanti St NE – theft of a battery from a vehicle parked in the driveway

09.21 30xx Meadow Lane NE – theft of a package from a mailbox

09.22 12xx Lombardy Dr NE – Ebay scam; fake check for \$1100 over for item, asked to return extra

09.23 21xx 140 Ave NE – SS scam; on phone claiming fraud, loss \$14K in Apple gift cards

09.23 18xx 162 Ave NE – theft of a boat trailer from the property; unsecured

09.24 152xx Jefferson St NE – unemployment scam; stole victim's identity to file

### Arrests

09.19 153 Ave/Hwy 65 NE – 2<sup>nd</sup> degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct.

The driver appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested .314

09.22 154xx Hwy 65 NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend domestic.

The girlfriend was arrested.

## Linwood

### Thefts & Damage to Property

09.19 68xx 230 Ave NE – damage to mailbox overnight

09.22 220xx Typo Creek Dr NE – damage to mailbox

### Arrests

09.20 8900 Block Fawn Lake Dr NE – 4<sup>th</sup> degree DWI; a deputy was called to a single vehicle property damage crash. The deputy located the male who stated he was trying to pass a camper but it was longer than he thought and it caused him to go into the ditch. The male appeared impaired.

Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .15

## Nowthen

### Thefts & Damage to Property

09.21 214xx Dolomite St NW – scam via text; drug cartel, wire money or they will kill victim

09.22 203xx Basalt St NW – mailbox blown up with fireworks

### Arrests

09.20 204xx Tiger St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a husband/wife domestic. The husband was arrested.

## Oak Grove

### Thefts & Damage to Property

09.18 196xx Blackfoot St NW – fraud; threatened wage garnishment due to credit card debt – victim never owned a credit card through the Bank of Delaware

09.21 24xx S Lake George Dr NW – SS scam; said multiple accts. opened in victim's name

09.23 202xx Rum River Blvd NW – illegal dumping on property

## **Arrests**

09.18 10xx Sims Rd NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went to the location because a male who was there had a warrant. He was located and arrested.

09.19 Cedar/228 Lane NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for having a signal light out. When the driver was identified, it was discovered he had a warrant. 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](http://www.anokacounty.us/crimewatch) and click on Crime Statistics on the left side. Stats are updated monthly.*