



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

FRIDAY UPDATE: 10.02.20

Below is a suspicious call a resident received this week. We believe this was a "lead-up" call and the next call would be to demand "ransom." However, this father was able to reach his daughter before that could happen.

I was dispatched to the location on a possible kidnapping report. Upon arrival, I met with the father who stated an unknown female called and said, "daddy I was just in an accident." The father stated the female was crying and it sounded like his daughter. The father stated a male got on the phone and identified himself as a police officer and asked if he could calm his daughter down. The father stated the female voice got back on the phone and said they are not the police. The father stated a male got on the phone again and said, "your daughter witnessed a drug deal and are keeping her for insurance." The father stated they asked for money but did not specify how much. The father said they hung up but called back and the father asked who this is, and heard, "Dad, Dad I'm in the back seat of their car" and then hung up again.

The father stated they called back again and asked if he was going to do what needs to be done. The father stated he would. The father stated they then hung up on him. The father stated just as I was pulling up, he was able to get in contact with his daughter who had been teaching at a school and had her phone off. The father was able to verify that she was not in an accident and was fine. The father stated she was teaching and had her phone off. The father stated the phone number that came up on the caller ID was 5-28130578689 and it said Mexico. I advised the caller to hang up on the person and call 911 if this were to happen again.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 09.25 163xx Round Lake Blvd NW – theft of tools from an unlocked trailer at the location
- 09.25 159xx Yellow Pine St NW – scam via text; threatening blackmail – 315.273.1209
- 09.26 46xx 160 Lane NW – fraud; selling medical equipment online, loss \$1250
- 10.01 35xx 176 Ave NW – scam via text; demanded \$2K or she would be assassinated
- 10.01 11xx 155 Ave NW – scam, phone message stating there was a warrant for his arrest

Arrests

09.27 2900 Block 161 Ave NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for an equipment violation. The driver stated he did not have a license and refused to identify himself. There was a knife attached to the dashboard of the vehicle. The passenger was trying to avoid eye contact and acting suspicious. Another deputy was called to the scene. That deputy recognized the passenger from prior contacts, the male had 4 warrants for his arrest. He was arrested. The driver was issued a citation for driving after revocation.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

09.25 137xx Lake Dt NE – camper trailer stolen from a self-storage business

09.27 173xx Notre Dame St NE – theft of a political sign

Arrests

09.25 151xx Lake Dr NE – Warrant Arrest; a homeowner called about three suspicious people on the property. Deputies arrived and identified the people; one male had a felony warrant. He was arrested.

09.28 8900 Block Broadway Ave NE – Warrant Arrest; a deputy went to the location to sit on a house looking for a male with a warrant. The deputy observed the male getting into a vehicle. The deputy stopped the vehicle and arrested the man.

09.29 Howard Lake/Gehrig St NE – 2nd degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. Charges were elevated due to 2 prior DWI convictions.

East Bethel

Thefts & Damage to Property

09.25 192xx Isetta St NE – juveniles playing ding-dong ditch; caught and returned to parents

09.27 207xx Eveleth St NE – theft of political flag from yard; 2 juvenile females identified

09.30 11xx 242 Way NE – trailer and jacks stolen from a jobsite

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

09.25 12xx Pinewood Dr NE – SS scam; claiming their SS# was being used fraudulently

09.27 146xx Hwy 65 NE – work truck stolen from location; located in Bloomington w/2 juveniles in it

09.27 143xx Xebec St NE – porta-potty tipped over at the park

09.29 170xx Xylite St NE – theft of political signs from the front yard

09.29 9xx Bunker Lake Blvd NE – kicked in door to barn, stole utility trailer

09.29 141 Lane/Goodhue St NE – multiple cars rifled through overnight, unlocked

09.29 12xx Pinewood Dr NE – Grandparent scam; no financial loss, victim didn't have a grandchild

09.30 14xx 153 Lane NE – illegal dumping in victim's yard; dirt, pavers, antifreeze

10.01 33xx Interlachen Dr NE – theft from an unlocked vehicle; Ipad

10.01 138xx Pierce St NW – scam, lottery; stated they would show up with a \$500K check

Arrests

10.01 Hwy 65/167 Ave NE – Drugs; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. When he made contact with the occupants, he smelt marijuana. The passenger admitted to having marijuana hidden under her leg. The driver and passenger were removed from the vehicle and it was searched. Multiple drugs, paraphernalia, cash, and a scale were all located. The driver was arrested and the passenger was issued a citation.

Linwood

Thefts & Damage to Property

09.27 231xx W Martin Lake Dr NE – tires slashed on a vehicle

Arrests

09.27 68xx 231 Lane NE – 4th degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for expired tabs. When he made contact with the driver, he appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested. .11

09.30 226xx Orinoco St NE – Warrant; a deputy went to the location in an attempt to locate a male with a warrant. He located the male and he was arrested without incident.

Nowthen

Thefts & Damage to Property

09.27 74xx 181 Ave NW – Grandparent Scam; said they were calling from the Anoka County Attorney's Office, victim called deputy, quickly verified as scam and advised against sending \$7500

09.27 66xx 191 Ave NW – political signs stolen from the property

09.29 18xxx Nowthen Blvd NW – theft of political signs from the front yard

10.01 68xx 225 Ave NW – purchased an ATV on FB; ATV had no title to transfer

Arrests

09.26 218xx Norris Lake Rd NW – Assault; deputies responded to a father/son assault call. The son fled the residence and was located later in Elk River. He was arrested.

Oak Grove

Thefts & Damage to Property

09.25 203xx Arrowhead St NW – damage done in a park due to a vehicle whipping donuts

09.25 31xx 191 Ave NW – vandalism to a sign in the yard

09.26 199xx Zion St NW – political sign stolen from the front yard

09.29 217xx Lake George Blvd NW – illegal dumping in park dumpsters; suspect identified

09.29 1xxxx Blackfoot St NW – Kidnapping scam call; detailed at the beginning of this report

**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.