



ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF BRAD WISE

FRIDAY UPDATE: 10.20.23

Scams

10.13 The victim informed deputies that he had recently agreed to purchase \$4,500.00 worth of airplane equipment on Facebook with a James Baldwin profile. He never was able to get a phone number from James and only spoke with him over Facebook Messenger. He was unsure if he could trust James so James sent a pilot's license to help ease his mind. The victim agreed to send \$1,500.00 over PayPal and once the items were received he would send the remaining \$3,000.00. The email that he sent the money to over PayPal was Rojascreative30@gmail.com. He never sent the final \$3,000.00 because he was still skeptical of getting the right items. He noticed that once he received the tracking number, the weight of the package showed just above six pounds, and he knew the weight of the items he was supposed to be getting should have weighed over twenty pounds. The package showed it was coming from CA; however, James profile showed he lived in Washington. Once the package arrived, it contained a gift basket from Wine.com. He spoke with Wine employees and they informed him they could not give him information about who sent the package.

10.14 The victim stated that somehow her information was hacked, and someone placed an ad on Craigslist offering free Milwaukee power tools. All of her information, including a phone number and address were placed in the ad. She has since received numerous texts asking about the tools and have two different parties actually arrive at her residence for the tools. She was advised to change passwords and block numbers if needed. The ad was eventually located on Craigslist and was "flagged" as spam to hopefully have the ad removed.

10.16 The victim advised me that he signed up for Bud Light decals on a website. He stated that he received a check worth \$2,950 from Michael Mittner that was made out to himself. He advised me that he then deposited that check into his bank but they declined it, stating it was a canceled check. He advised me that he did not lose any money during the incident. I advised him to contact his bank and make sure they keep an eye on his accounts, being his personal information may have been compromised.

10.16 The caller advised she just received a call from 763 576 2800 (Anoka PD) and the male voice on the other line advised her he was a Deputy with Anoka County and asked her to go to a confidential place. She said she was taken back because she hasn't even had a speeding ticket in over ten years and there would be no reason for law enforcement to call her. She said she told the caller she was in a confidential place and they hung up on her. She said she searched the phone number and found it was associated with Anoka PD. She assumed the caller was trying to scam people and wanted to report it.

10.16 At 11:00 am the victim received a call from 763-576-2800. The male on the phone stated that he was Deputy Daniel Douglas from Anoka County and that she missed a federal court date. She knew that she had not missed a court date and suspected this to be a scam so she asked for a badge

number and was told 67973B and when she asked for a call back number the person became defensive and disconnected the call.

10.19 The victim stated on 10/15/23 at approximately 2000 hours she got a phone call from a number with no caller ID. She stated the male said he worked for Wells Fargo and advised her of "fraud" that took place within her bank account. She stated the male could see what she was doing on her phone screen and that is the reason the male obtained all her banking information. She stated the male took \$1,756 from her checking account. She spoke with her bank and changed all her information.

Andover

Thefts & Damage to Property

10.13 5xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – theft of wallet from a vehicle; vehicle unsecure, victim on walk

10.14 32xx 167 Lane NW – Vandalism; a home was tp'd, covered in food – suspects identified

10.18 152xx Bluebird St NW – window broken on vehicle, stole purse while the parent was running their child into daycare

Arrests

10.14 38xx 174 Ave NW - Warrant Arrest; deputies went to the location and were looking for a male who had multiple warrants. He was not there, but there was a female with three warrants out of Hennepin County there, so she was arrested.

10.15 Bunker Lake/Bittersweet St NW – DWI 4th degree; a deputy stopped a driver for having a taillight out. The deputy smelled alcohol and when he asked the driver how much she had drink, she stated "too much." Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. She was arrested. .102

10.17 171xx Navajo St NW – Drugs; a deputy was dispatched to a suspicious truck at the park driving on a park path full of junk items in the back. He located the vehicle and spoke with the occupants; neither had a driver's license. While preparing to arrest the driver, he was caught hiding drugs in a sandwich. When speaking with the female, drugs were located in her pocket. Both were arrested.

Bethel

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

Columbus

Thefts & Damage to Property

10.20 152xx Zurich St NE – theft from an unsecured vehicle; AirPods, backpack

Arrests

10.16 Howard Lake/Gehrig St NE – Fleeing in a Motor Vehicle; there were multiple calls about an impaired driver in the area. A deputy observed the vehicle and attempted to stop it. The driver did not stop, almost hitting pedestrians/vehicles, and eventually drove over the shoulder line and rolled her vehicle into a swamp. The deputy was able to remove her from the swamp/vehicle. The woman was hallucinating and appeared to be impaired and was hollering about meth. A warrant for blood was obtained. She was arrested.

10.17 153xx Zodiac St NE – No Contact Order Violation; while deputies were investigating another incident, it brought them to this house. When they arrived, they observed a female sleeping in a

chair and knew the homeowner had a no-contact order against her. Deputies knocked and were let inside by a family member. The woman was arrested.

East Bethel

Burglaries

10.15 205xx Aberdeen St NE – lock cut off storage unit; scooter, camera system, vehicle

Thefts & Damage to Property

10.18 183xx Hwy 65 NE – stolen vehicle; suspect took it for a test drive and never returned

Arrests

10.15 Hwy 65/221 Ave NE – Domestic Assault; callers reported a male inside a vehicle repeatedly hitting a female in the vehicle. Deputies located the vehicle and stopped it. A male was sitting in the back seat trying to conceal his identity and he had blood on his hands. Everyone was identified. After investigating, the male was arrested.

10.16 Viking/Sandhill Parkway NE – No Driver's License; a deputy ran a plate and the registered owner came back without a driver's license. He stopped the vehicle and the male stated he knew he did not have a license. He was arrested. He was on his way to pick up his kids from school so the deputy let him make arrangements with family to do that and to pick up his vehicle so it wasn't towed.

10.11 221 Ave/Sandy Dr NE – Warrants; deputies were involved in a call where a male on a motorcycle fled from them. While investigating the situation, a deputy observed the possible suspect in a vehicle and stopped him. The occupants were very uncooperative and refused to identify themselves. Through investigation, it was determined one of the males had a warrant. He was ordered out of the vehicle, he refused, persistence ensued and he was finally arrested.

10.17 237xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrants; a deputy observed a male who he knew had a Sherburne County warrant. He made contact with the male at a gas station and he was arrested. Meth was found on him.

Ham Lake

Thefts & Damage to Property

10.18 180xx Concord Dr NE – theft of mail; small silver chevy sedan

Arrests

10.15 Hwy 65/157th Ave NE – DWI, 4th degree; a deputy stopped a vehicle for speeding 80/65. The driver stated he knew he was speeding and he smelled of alcohol. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The driver refused to test. He was arrested. .09

10.16 Central/Constance Blvd NE – Controlled Substance; a deputy observed a male in a vehicle who he knew had a CSC Warrant. He stopped the vehicle. The male stated he did not have insurance or an ID. The male was asked to step out of the vehicle; he told the deputy there was marijuana inside the vehicle not properly packaged. The woman in the vehicle said she also had marijuana in her purse. Well, they were telling about the marijuana because they didn't want to the deputies to look harder because there was meth in the vehicle. Both the male and female were arrested. The woman also had a warrant out of Kansas.

Linwood

Arrests

10.14 218xx Viking Blvd NE – DWI 3rd degree; a deputy followed a motorcycle for speeding and poor driving conduct. The driver stopped at a gas station and got off the bike. The deputy made contact and he appeared to be impaired. He stated it was his friend's bike and he did not have insurance. He also said he had alcohol drinks spilled on him. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He refused to PBT. On video you can see the male throwing an alcohol bottle into the garbage at the gas station. He was arrested.

Nowthen

Arrests

10.16 222xx Garnet St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a husband/wife domestic and children were present. When they arrived those involved were separated and interviewed. The wife was arrested.

10.17 Viking/Hwy 47 – Fleeing on Foot; a deputy stopped to assist a driver who was pulled off the road. The driver tried to hide from the deputy. The driver stated he didn't have any ID but provided a name – it was false. While the deputy was running information, the male fled from the scene on foot and was almost hit by a semi. K9's and drones were used to attempt to locate the male with no success but his identity is confirmed and a warrant is out for his arrest. A person called in the vehicle as "stolen" while deputies were on the scene.

Oak Grove

Burglaries

10.18 226xx Cedar Dr NW – lock cut off a storage unit; misc items stolen

Thefts & Damage to Property

10.16 43xx 196 Lane NW – theft of tools from a construction site; forced entry to enclosed trailer

10.17 22xx Viking Blvd NW – abandoned camper at the location

Arrests

10.15 4700 Block Viking Blvd NW – Drugs; a deputy ran a plate and the registered owner came back as revoked. He relocated the vehicle and stopped it. The driver did not have a license or insurance. The driver did not speak English and so a translation service was used. While with the driver, a black bag was located on him and it contained a lot of meth. He was arrested.

10.15 181 Ave/Aztec St NW – DWI, 2nd degree – callers reported a possibly drunk driver who was "swerving all over." A deputy located the vehicle and followed it into an abandoned cul-de-sac. The driver appeared impaired and gave the deputy an envelope stating it was his insurance, but it wasn't. Field sobriety tests were conducted and stopped. The driver stated he was too drunk to do the tests. He was arrested. .279

****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.